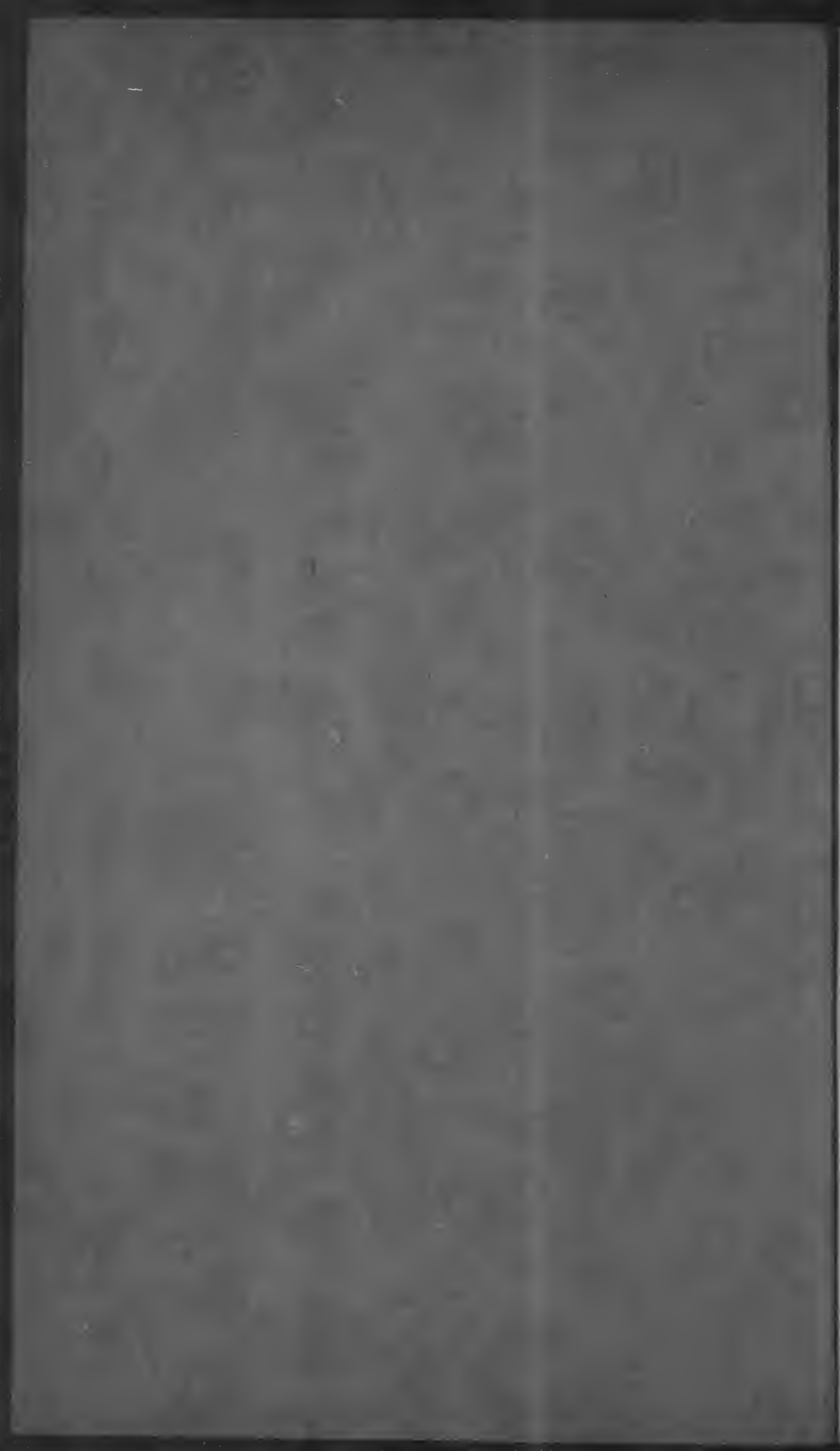


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2	Washington H. Hays,	April —, 1831,		1831	1 “
3	William Bamber,	March 30, 1832,		1831	1 “
4	Charles W. Jacobs,	July 20, 1833,	21	1829	4 “
5	James Hanson,	Aug. 19, 1834,		1829	4 “
6	William Kesley,	Sept. 23, 1841,		1830	10 “
7	Isaac W. Clippinger,	May 25, 1842,		1842	1 “
8	Samuel L. Rawleigh,	Nov. 21, 1843,	52	1833	9 “
9	Daniel Davies,	Feb. 16, 1844,		1833	8 “
10	William W. Maddux,	July 9, 1844,		1838	7 “
11	William W. Ball,	Oct. 5, 1844,		1842	3 “
12	William H. Bordley,	Oct. 9, 1846,		1843	3 “
13	Samuel D. Norwood,	Oct. 23, 1847,	27	1844	3 “
14	Isaac Webster,	Feb. 4, 1851,	64	1829	19 “
15	Levi R. Reese,	Sept. 18, 1851,	46	1832	20 “
16	Frederick Stier,	Oct. 15, 1851,	68	1830	9 “
17	Richard Adkinson;	March 9, 1852,	35	1841	10 “
18	Levin A. Collins,	June 17, 1853,	39	1837	9 “
19	John S. Reese.	Feb. 14, 1855,	65	1829	23 “
20	Francis G. Wright,	Feb. 23, 1859,	36	1849	4 “
21	Nevell S. Greenaway,	May 2, 1861,	37	1852	8 “
22	William T. Wright,	May 8, 1862,	54	1845	17 “

No.	Name.	Deceased.	Aged.	Rec'd.	Served.
23	Washington Roby,	July 31, 1862,	46	1839	24 years.
24	Thoroughgood C. Ewell,	Nov. 21, 1862,	31	1856	6 "
25	Josiah Varden,	Jan. 16, 1863,	57	1831	22 "
26	George D. Hamilton,	April 5, 1864,	66	1831	27 "
27	Reuben T. Boyd,	Feb. 21, 1865,	71	1833	16 "
28	Thomas H. B. Austin,	June 26, 1865,	23	1863	3 "
29	James F. Whiteside,	June 20, 1866,	38	1850	16 "
30	Eli Henkle,	Aug. 24, 1867,	80	1829	17 "
31	Francis Waters,	April 23, 1868,	76	1838	5 "
32	Thomas H. Burgess,	July 11, 1868,	40	1861	3 "
33	Thomas M. Wilson,	Feb. 1, 1870,	56	1842	15 "
34	Luther J. Cox,	July 26, 1870,	79	1869	Hono'ry.
35	Christian Eversole,	Dec. 12, 1870,	51	1852	14 years.
36	Daniel Bowers,	March 19, 1871,	39	1854	17 "
37	John Morgan,	June 17, 1871,	60	1844	13 "
38	Henry C. Hayghe,	Dec. 17, 1871,	28	1869	3 "
39	John Elderdice,	July 9, 1874,	60	1838	31 "
40	John Roberts,	Sept. 20, 1875,	57	1843	33 "
41	Amon Richards,	July 12, 1876,	89	1870	Hono'ry.
42	Abraham S. Eversole,	Feb. 3, 1877,	64	1839	31 years.
43	Daniel Evans Reese,	April 23, 1877,	67	1830	42 "
44	Samuel G. Valiant,	July 11, 1877,	25	1870	5 "
45	William C. Ames,	March 10, 1878,	39	1869	9 "
46	John Edgar Read,	July 28, 1878,	32	1865	14 "
47	Thomas M. Bryan,	May 11, 1879,	61	1846	12 "
48	William C. Lipscomb,	Dec. 6, 1879,	87	1869	Hono'ry.
49	Thomas Asbury Moore,	July 2, 1881,	57	1845	8 years.
50	David Norwood Gilbert,	Aug. 15, 1881,	30	1873	9 "
51	Isaac Tunnell Adkins,	Oct. 19, 1881,	72	1865	14 "
52	Thomas Lee,	July 16, 1882,	61	1851	13 "
53	Peter Light Wilson,	January 10, 1883,	61	1842	35 "
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56	James M. Elderdice,	October 5, 1884,	67	1840	44 "
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No.	NAME.	APPOINTMENT.	P. O. ADDRESS.
53	Kirk, J. W.	Crisfield,	Crisfield, Md.
54	Klein, F. C.	Missionary,	120 A. Bluff, Yokohama, Japan.
55	Lassell, J. T.	Howard,	Lisbon, Md.
56	Lewis, R. L.	Chesapeake,	Edesville, Md.
57	Lewis, T. H.	W. T. Seminary,	Westminster, Md.
58	Litsinger, W. D.	Susquehanna,	Level, Md.
59	Little, F. T.	Easton,	Easton, Md.
60	Littleton, C. H.	No appointment.	
61	Livingston, W. F.	Potomac,	Georgetown, D. C.
62	Lucas, W. J. D.	Caroline,	Burrsville, Md.
63	McCready, G. R.	Union,	Barren Creek Springs, Md.
64	McFaden, J. A.	Superannuate,	Harper's Ferry, W. Va.
65	McGregor, E. R.	Frederick,	New Market, Md.
66	Maloy, J. E.	Milton,	Milton, Del.
67	Mather, A. W.	St. James,	Hanesville, Md.
68	Maynard, J. H.	Howard (A.)	
69	Melvin, A. D.	Warwick,	Warwick, Md.
70	Middleton, C. B.	Alexandria,	Alexandria, Va. [ington, D. C.
71	Mills, J. L.	Ninth-Street,	1536 Columbia St., N. W. Wash-
72	Mullineaux, F. H.	Queen Anne's,	Ruthsburg, Md.
73	Murray, J. J.	St. John's,	35 N. Liberty St., Balto., Md.
74	Murray, J. T.	President,	8 Parkin St., Balto., Md.
75	Murray, S. R.	Pipe Creek,	Uniontown, Md.
76	Neepier, W. J.	Oxford,	Oxford, Md.
77	Nichols, J. K.	Superannuate,	Johnsville, Md.
78	Nichols, J. R.	Marley,	Odenton, Md.
79	Nicholson, J. E.	Sussex,	Seaford, Del.
80	Norris, J. W.	Kennedyville,	Kennedyville, Md.
81	Norris, R. S.	Tract Society,	73 W. Fayette St., Balto., Md.
82	Ohrum, S. C.	Amelia,	Hebron, Va.
83	Roberts, W. F.	No appointment,	Westminster, Md.
84	Rowe, R. S.	Washington St.,	12 N. Washington St., Balto., Md.
85	Sheridan, J. M.	Jefferson,	Frederick City, Md.
86	Shermer, D. A.	Dorchester,	Vienna, Md.
87	Shreeve, Jesse	Liberty,	Libertytown, Md.
88	Smith, G. J.	Felton,	Felton, Del.
89	Smith, R. T.	Rowlandville,	Rowlandville, Md.
90	Smith, S. J.	St. Michael's,	St. Michael's, Md.
91	Southerland, S. B.	Superannuate,	
92	Stone, W. H.	Franklin City,	Greenbackville, Va.
93	Straughn, J. L.	Somerset,	Crisfield, Md.
94	Strayer, W. M.	Starr,	57 S. Poppleton St., Balto., Md.
95	Sullivan, J. G.	Cumberland,	Cumberland, Md.
96	Tagg, F. T.	Board of Missions.	
97	Thompson, C. M.	Clayton,	Kenton, Del.
98	Thompson, James	Superannuate,	Westminster, Md. [D. C.
99	Tredway, S. B.	First Church,	500 Va. Ave., S. E. Washington,
100	Trout, J. W.	N. C. Avenue,	226 9th St., S. E. Washington,
101	Valiant, T. D.	Belair,	Belair, Md. [D. C.
102	Walter, A. J.	Preston,	Grove, Md.
103	Ward, J. T.	W. M. College,	Westminster, Md.
104	Warfield, E. A.	Baltimore,	Towson, Md.
105	Webster, A.	St. John's,	127 Laurens St., Balto., Md.
106	Weigand, J. A.	Pittsville,	Pittsville, Md.
107	White, W. W.	Heathsville,	Heathsville, Va.
108	Wilson, David	Chaplain U. S. A.	Fort Meade, D. T.
109	Yingling, J. M.	Kent Island,	Kent Island, Md.

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## FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY.

APRIL 1st, 1885.

The Maryland Annual Conference met in its Fifty-seventh session, on Wednesday, April 1st, 1885, 9 A. M., in the Methodist Protestant Church of Alexandria, Va.

The Conference was opened by the President, J. T. Murray, who announced hymn 499, and offered prayer, reading also Matthew xvi. and 2 Cor. ii.

During the call of the ministerial roll the following were announced as deceased, and their names transferred to the Dead Roll: J. M. Elderdice, deceased July 25, 1884; C. T. Cochel, deceased October 5, 1884; A. D. Murray, deceased November 17, 1884, and H. E. Miskimon, deceased February 12, 1885.

L. W. Bates was appointed to read the Dead Roll, and memorial services were appointed, on motion of T. D. Valiant, for this evening at 7.30 P. M.

On motion of T. D. Valiant, the Secretary was made Committee on Credentials, and instructed to use the list of delegates prepared by the President until confirmed by the proper credentials.

On motion of S. B. Tredway, the bar of Conference was fixed to include the pews bounded by the middle pillars.

D. A. Shermer asked leave of absence for to-morrow to attend the funeral of one of the members of his charge, and leave was granted.

The President called T. D. Valiant to the chair and read his annual report (see Reports, A), after which his character was passed and the report referred to the Committee on President's Report.

On motion of C. B. Middleton, the hours of the daily sessions of Conference were fixed as follows: Morning session from 9 to 12, afternoon session from 2.30 to adjourn at pleasure.

The President announced the Standing Committees (see page 7).

On motion of L. W. Bates, C. S. Arnett was appointed postmaster of the Conference.

On motion of F. T. Tagg, Conference took a short recess, after which the Conference sermon was preached by J. D. Kinzer from 2 Timothy ii. 8, 9.

Conference met pursuant to the order adopted in the morning, at 2.30, and was opened with religious services by Jesse Shreeve.

The President called attention to the resolution adopted this morning with reference to the hours of Conference sessions, and asked the mover if the intention was to have a recess from 12 to 2.30 or take a formal adjournment. T. D. Valiant responded that a recess was his intention, and he moved that the Conference so order, which was adopted.

The order of the day was the election of the officers of the Fifty-seventh Conference. J. L. Mills and A. P. Bowen were appointed tellers, and a ballot was cast for President, resulting in the election of J. T. Murray. The President addressed the Conference, thanking the brethren for the confidence expressed, and devoting himself anew to their service.

On motion of T. D. Valiant, F. T. Little was directed to cast the ballot of Conference for T. H. Lewis for Secretary.

The Secretary selected F. T. Little as his assistant.

On motion of R. T. Smith, the Secretary was ordered to cast the ballot of Conference for J. W. Trout for Conference Steward.

On motion of A. W. Mather, the ballot was cast for W. R. Graham for Home Missionary Steward.

On motion of F. T. Tagg, the ballot was cast for T. O. Crouse for Superannuated Fund Steward.

On motion of A. W. Mather, the ballot was cast for S. R. Murray for Home and Foreign Missionary Steward.

A ballot was next cast for the Standing District Committee, resulting in the election of the following: Wm. Dale, W. S. Hammond, J. D. Kinzer, J. W. Hering, H. F. Zollickoffer, W. J. C. Dulany.

During the count of the above ballot, the business of Conference was, on motion, proceeded with.

T. H. Lewis offered a resolution constituting the four Stewards elected into a Board of Stewards for the counting, distributing and reporting of all collections, which was adopted (see Resolutions, I.)

F. T. Tagg asked to be relieved from serving on the Committee on Superannuates and moved to substitute the name of the Steward of the Superannuated Fund for his own. Objected to by the chairman of the committee and others and not adopted.

The examination of official character was then proceeded with; the roll of ministers being called and reports and collections handed in according to rule.

When the name of J. T. Ward was called, he handed in his report as President of Western Maryland College.

D. W. Bates offered a resolution appointing a committee of two to wait on President Cleveland and learn at what time it would be agreeable to receive a call from this body, which was adopted, and D. W. Bates and David Jones were appointed the committee. (See Resolutions, II.)

A ballot was then cast for Committee of Appeals, resulting in the election of J. D. Kinzer, T. D. Valiant, D. L. Greenfield, J. R. Catton, C. W. Button.

During the count of the above ballot, the business of Conference was proceeded with.

Communications were received, read and disposed of as follows:

Credentials of fraternal messenger from W. Va. Conference; same from Pittsburgh Conference; from St. John's I. M. Church; from Francis Brown, from E. R. Washington, from C. H. Williams, Treasurer Board of Missions, from D. E. King, from W. G. Holmes, from Amelia, from Union, from J. K. Nichols, from Mrs. H. M. Wilson, from W. M. Stratton, from F. C. Klein and from D. F. Ewell—all referred to appropriate committees; from R. W. Berryman, filed; from J. Clay, asking to have his present supernumerary relation to Concord Circuit continued—request granted; from David Wilson, requesting an active relation and to be printed in the Minutes as Post Chaplain U. S. A.—request granted.

Conference adjourned with benediction by J. T. Ward.

Approved: J. T. Murray.

#### EVENING.

The Lord's Supper was administered under direction of H. C. Cushing, and memorial services were held, addresses being delivered on C. T. Cochel, by S. B. Southerland; on J. M. Elderdice, by J. J. Murray; on A. D. Murray, by T. H. Lewis; on H. E. Miskimon, by T. D. Valiant and J. A. McFaden.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY.

APRIL 2d, 1885.

Religious services were conducted by A. W. Mather.

E. J. Drinkhouse presented the report of the Book Directory, which was read and referred to the Committee on Literature. (See Reports, J.) From the same a report of receipts and expenditures on account of General Conference Entertainment, and a report on subscriptions to Broadway, which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Secretary presented a report on publication of Minutes, which was referred to the Committee on Literature. (See Reports, C.) Also a report of form for new blanks for pastors' reports, which was referred to the Committee on Official Character. Also a resolution on the organization of Conference, which was referred to the Committee on Revision of Manual. (See Manual.)

The report of the President of Western Maryland College was read and referred to the Committee on Education. (See Reports, K.)

The following communications were read: From A. Webster; from Campbell, referred to Missions; from Fawn Grove, to Boundaries; from First Church, to Finance; from Somerset, to Boundaries; from Talbot, to Boundaries; from Seaford, to Boundaries.

The Committee on Revision of Manual presented a report which was considered by items. The report was adopted as read, except that "Death Roll" was changed to "Dead Roll;" the item referring to rules for camp-meetings was recommitted, and the item on Organization of Conference amended by adding two ministers to the Committee of three laymen on Credentials.

J. J. Murray presented resolutions commending the work of the Tract Cause and the Corresponding Secretary of the Maryland Tract Society, R. S. Norris, which were referred to the Committee on Benevolent Agencies. (See Reports, E.)

Religious services, conducted by the President, consumed the remaining time of the morning session.

After recess, at 2.30 P. M. Conference proceeded with business. T. D. Valiant, Chairman, presented the obituary of H. E. Miskimon, which was adopted. (See Obituaries.)

On motion of A. W. Mather, Conference gave place to a meeting of the Home Missionary Society.

On resuming business, Conference ordered, on motion of J. D.

Kinzer, that the meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions be set for Sunday afternoon at 3.30.

J. L. Mills offered resolutions to amend rule on page 70 of Manual, to limit the pastoral term, which was made the order for 3 P. M. Friday.

The committee to arrange for a visit to the President reported that it would be agreeable to the President to receive the Conference on Saturday at 1 P. M., which time was accordingly fixed for the visit.

J. J. Murray offered a resolution to substitute periodicals for books in Sunday-school libraries, which was referred to Committee on Sabbath-Schools.

It was ordered, at the suggestion of the President, that chairmen of committees wishing to call meetings write a notice of the same and place it on the table of the Secretary, to be read after a motion to adjourn has been carried.

On motion of J. D. Kinzer, the vote fixing Sunday, 3 P. M., for the meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions was reconsidered and the time changed, on account of arrangement of the Sunday-school of the Alexandria Church, to this evening.

J. B. Mitchell was appointed to substitute David Jones on the Committee on Superannuates.

Conference adjourned with benediction by D. W. Bates.

Approved: J. T. Murray.

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### THIRD DAY—FRIDAY.

APRIL 3d, 1885.

Religious services were conducted by J. M. Holmes.

The report of the Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary was read and referred to the Committee on Education. (See Reports, K.)

J. L. Elderdice was substituted for T. O. Crouse on the Committee on Education.

The President reported a communication from J. R. Nichols, detained at home by sickness.

The Chairman of the Committee on Superannuates asked instruction concerning appropriations to the widows of those



ministers deceased this year, and, on motion of D. W. Bates, Mrs. Cochel, Elderdice and Miskimon were referred to the committee.

The following communications were received and disposed of, as follows :

From Broadway, J. E. Nicholson, Snow Hill, Powellville, N. C. Avenue, and Georgetown, to Missions; from J. E. Nicholson, Amelia and Queen Anne's, to Boundaries; St. James, to Finance; J. B. Butler, asking supernumerary relation continued—request granted; from P. T. Hall, asking for supernumerary relation—request granted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported an item from the Minutes appointing a special Committee on Finance. The committee, T. D. Valiant, chairman, had nothing to report.

J. J. Murray presented the obituary of J. M. Elderdice, which was adopted. (See Obituaries.)

The report of the Committee on Manual was taken up. The item recommitted on camp-meetings was discussed. Section 3 was stricken out, and a substitute for the whole item offered by the committee.

It was moved to strike out all rules relating to camp-meetings. It was lost.

T. H. Lewis moved to strike out all that part of the item making the attendance of ministers appointed compulsory. It was lost.

W. M. Strayer moved to strike out all rules relating to camp-meetings. It was lost.

On motion, the item of the report was adopted, and the report as a whole adopted. (See Manual.)

E. J. Drinkhouse obtained leave to record his protest against the adoption of the item relating to camp-meetings, because it pronounced that to be sin which he does not regard as sinful.

On motion of E. J. Drinkhouse, the Jackson Grove Camp-Meeting Association was given the recognition of this Conference.

The Committee on Pulpit Services reported the list of appointments for the Sabbath, and the report was adopted.

On motion, the hour of 2.30 was fixed as the hour to hear the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education.

E. J. Drinkhouse presented the report of the Committee on Transportation, which was referred to the Conference Steward.

The Agent of the President's Parsonage made a report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The hour of recess arrived, and Conference was dismissed with benediction by D. F. Ewell.

Upon the reassembling of Conference, J. B. Walker, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education, addressed the Conference upon the interests in his charge.

The order of the day was then taken up, the resolution to limit the term of the pastorate in the Maryland District. The discussion was continued until J. W. Charlton obtained the floor, when he yielded to a motion to adjourn.

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The Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations introduced to the Conference, Rev. J. F. Cowan, editor of S. S. publications, Rev. S. J. Liggan and Rev. D. M. Simonton, fraternal messengers.

After the call of committees and charges, the resolution to limit the pastoral term was called up and further discussed. The call for the previous question was put and sustained, and the resolution was lost.

On motion of D. L. Greenfield, the vote was reconsidered, and, on motion of J. L. Mills, the question was postponed until Monday at 10 A. M.

Communications were received as follows: From Va. Conference, credentials of S. J. Liggan; from Felton, to Missions; from C. O. Melvin, surrendering his parchments and asking acknowledgment of same; from President Va. Conference, to Fraternal Relations; from Pipe Creek, to Finance; from Middleway, to Missions; from Howard, to Boundaries; from Wilmington and Alexandria, to Missions.

The Educational Endowment Society submitted a report, which was read and filed. (See Reports, K.)

The Committee on President's Report reported, and their recommendations were adopted. (See Reports, B.)

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders reported C. R. Blades,

S. C. Ohrum, J. W. Kirk and B. W. Kindley for the itinerancy, and J. M. Gill for orders. The report was adopted. (See Reports, D.)

The report of the Faculty of Instruction was read, submitting the grades of the students under their care, a new course of study, the election of three members of the Faculty, the adoption of a new rule for formal admittance into the itinerancy, which were all adopted, and the report as a whole adopted. (See Reports, D.)

The candidates elected to itinerancy were then presented at the bar of Conference by the President of the Faculty, and addressed by the President of the Conference.

On motion of J. W. Gray, the relation of W. J. Neepier was changed to active.

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\$306.27, and recommending the adoption of the paper referred to them by the Conference concerning the Maryland Tract Society and R. S. Norris. The report was adopted. (See Reports, E.)

The Committee on Official Character reported all the pastors' blanks correct, and recommended the adoption of the form for new blanks submitted to them by the Conference. (See Reports, F.)

A letter from Heathsville was referred to Fraternal Relations; from Crumpton, to Missions.

J. E. Maloy offered a resolution appropriating the money arising from the sale of Clear Spring Church to the M. P. Church at Belair, which was adopted. (See Resolutions, III.)

The Committee on Fraternal Relations submitted a report, which was adopted. (See Reports, G.)

The report of the Committee on Boundaries was taken up for consideration.

Item 1, relating to division of Anne Arundel, was amended by adding Severn to Anne Arundel and striking out the word "married," and adopted.

Item 2, dividing Somerset, was amended by naming the new charge "Crisfield," and adopted.

Item 3, dividing Talbot, was adopted, and the report as a whole adopted. (See Reports, H.)

The report of the Committee on Literature was read. An amendment submitted by J. J. Murray, urging pastors to supply their congregations with "The Tribute of Praise," &c., was adopted, and the report as a whole adopted. (See Reports, J.)

The report of the Committee on Education was read. (See Reports, K.)

Item 1, relating to Ministerial Education, was adopted.

Item 2, relating to Western Maryland College, was adopted.

Item 3 was made the order of the day for 7.30 this evening, and a resolution was offered for that purpose by F. T. Little, dispensing with the anniversary of the Home Missionary Society for this year, which was adopted. (See Resolutions, IV.)

The Committee on Statistics submitted a report, the aggregates of which were read, and the report adopted. (See Statistics.)

The report of the Home Missionary Steward was read and adopted. (See Reports, R.)

The order of the day was then taken up, the resolution to limit the pastoral term. On motion of J. L. Mills, the first item of the resolution was amended by striking out "by a two-thirds vote."

The resolution was discussed until the hour fixed for hearing the fraternal messengers, when Conference was addressed by Rev. J. F. Cowan, editor S. S. publications; Rev. D. M. Simonton and A. D. Squires, fraternal messengers from the W. Va. Conference; Rev. B. B. Evans, of the Grafton Church; and Rev. S. J. Liggan, fraternal messenger from the Va. Conference.

E. J. Drinkhouse offered a resolution commending the proposed enterprise in Grafton, which was adopted. (See Resolutions, V.)

A resolution of sympathy with J. R. Nichols and W. F. Livingston was offered by D. W. Bates and adopted. (See Resolutions, VI.)

The Committee on Finance were excused from 4 o'clock this afternoon to finish their work.

Conference then took a recess.

On reassembling, the regular order was suspended to receive and read the report of the Committee on Superannuates, which was laid over by rule.

The resolution to limit the pastoral term was again taken up for discussion. J. E. Maloy offered an amendment to strike out "4 years" and insert "3 years," and to strike out "except the Conference so authorize in each case." The amendment was lost.

The yeas and nays were called on the original resolution, with the following result:

Yeas—D. F. Ewell, Dumm, D. W. Bates, Shermer, McFaden, Jesse Shreeve, Maloy, Mills, Charlton, Kinzer, J. M. Holmes, Lassell, C. M. Thompson, Bruner, Harryman, Floyd, Killgore, Farring, Walter, W. W. White, Sheridan, S. J. Smith, Brown, Anstine, Stone, Bowers, Balderston, Gill, Cowan, Caton, Salisbury, Scarborough, Usilton, S. S. Ewell, Kindley, Burgee, J. A. Smith, Withers, Button, Rutan, Hill, Ellis, Ross, Powell, Bradley, McDowell, Bowen, Sweet, Freeland, Oakes, Leonard, J. F. Shreeve—52.

Nays—L. W. Bates, Southerland, J. J. Murray, Norris, Valiant, Drinkhouse, Hammond, Littleton, Cushing, Dick, Benson, Strayer, J. E. T. Ewell, Hoblitzell, Gray, Ferguson, Rowe, Greenfield, Straughn, Tagg, W. A. Crouse, Neepier, R. L. Lewis, Sullivan, McGregor, Melvin, Little, Tredway, T. O. Crouse, Yingling, Graham, Lucas, Mullineaux, Weigand, Bacchus, Arnett, Middleton, G. J. Smith, T. H. Lewis, Trout, T. E. Coulbourn, Elderdice, J. E. Nicholson, Daugherty, Ewing, Pennewell, Tracy, Mitchell, Divers, Silk, V. H. Jones, Peerman, Mason, Eckenrode, Hume, Erdman, Hurlock, W. K. White, Marche, D. A. C. Webster, Austin, Dodd, Phillips, W. C. Coulbourn, Taylor, Zerkler, Meginniss, McKelvey—68.

Absent and not voting—56.

So the resolution was lost.

On motion of J. E. T. Ewell, the name of the alternate, J. E.

Sweet, was substituted for that of the delegate who has not been in attendance during the session, and would not be able to attend.

A letter from Salisbury was referred to Missions.

A resolution offered on Saturday by A. W. Mather to fix the time of the next Conference was taken up.

D. A. C. Webster offered to amend by striking out "second Wednesday in April" and inserting "second Wednesday in October," which was lost. F. T. Little moved to strike out "second" and insert "first," which was adopted, and the resolution as amended adopted.

A letter was read from the delegate from Georgetown, asking that the alternate, Joseph Libbey, be allowed to serve in his place for this day, which was not granted.

The delegate from Broadway presented an invitation from that charge for the next session of the Conference, which was laid over by rule.

H. C. Cushing offered resolutions of sympathy to the church in Atlanta, and made some explanatory remarks on the condition of the church there. The resolutions were adopted. (See Resolutions, VII.)

On motion of S. B. Tredway, Conference adjourned to give place to a meeting of the Superannuated Fund Society.

Conference was opened in the evening with religious services by J. M. Brown.

The order of the day was suspended, and a resolution referred by the Superannuated Fund Society directing the following question to be asked superannuates, "What is the assessed value of the real estate owned by you?" was read and adopted. (See Resolutions, VIII.)

A resolution offered by F. T. Little ordering a standing committee on Sabbath observance was adopted.

By the same, a resolution of thanks to the *Baltimore Sun*, which was adopted. (See Resolutions, XIII.)

An additional report of the Committee on Boundaries was taken up.

Item 1, referring Portsville to the Conference, was laid on the table.

Item 2, dividing Georgetown, was amended by striking out "upon the terms stipulated" and inserting "with the understanding that the collection for Home Missions on Georgetown be appropriated to Mt. Pleasant until Mt. Pleasant is self-sustaining."



Item 3, dividing Fawn Grove, was amended by adding "provided the President can give a suitable supply."

On motion of L. W. Bates, further consideration of the report was postponed to take up the report of the Committee on Education.

Item 1, commending the management of the Seminary, and recommending the adoption of the report of the Board of Governors, was adopted.

The report of the Board of Governors was then taken up and the items read and adopted, until the 5th item was reached, when a discussion arose as to the provision for the salary of the President.

D. L. Greenfield offered an amendment to the item by adding "that we employ Rev. T. H. Lewis as President at a salary of \$1,200, and that we solemnly pledge ourselves to collect the assessments necessary to raise the amount."

J. E. Maloy moved to adjourn. It was lost.

D. W. Bates demanded the previous question, but yielded to a motion to adjourn, which was carried.

S. B. Southerland pronounced the benediction.

Approved: T. D. Valiant.

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## SIXTH DAY—TUESDAY.

APRIL 7th, 1885.

Religious exercises were conducted by W. R. Graham.

The report of the Board of Governors pending at the previous session, was taken up at the consideration of the fifth item, relating to the President of the Seminary. The amendment to the item proposed by D. L. Greenfield was adopted, and item adopted. Item 6 was adopted, and the report as a whole adopted.

The next item of the report of the Committee on Education was considered and adopted, and the report as a whole adopted. (See Reports, K.)

D. L. Greenfield offered a resolution making the second Sunday in October Seminary Day, and for the purpose of raising the amount of indebtedness now on the Seminary building, which was adopted. (See Resolutions, IX.)

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, and the ministerial roll called to ascertain the relation desired by each member during the ensuing year.

On motion, the request of D. F. Ewell to be changed to an active relation was granted.

The relation of R. S. Norris and D. Wilson was marked "Assigned for duty."

W. T. Valiant asked for release which was granted.

The Faculty of Instruction reported a recommendation to appoint a Committee of Examination, to serve in the interim of Conference, which was adopted. (See Reports, D).

The Faculty reported H. L. Elderdice for the itinerancy and for ordination, B. F. Jester to be left in the hands of the President, and G. D. Edmondston's case not acted upon. The report was adopted. (See Reports, D.)

F. T. Tagg moved to receive J. H. Maynard into the itinerancy. L. W. Bates moved to refer to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders. F. T. Tagg moved to amend by adding with instructions to report favorably, which was lost and the motion to refer was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Boundaries, pending last evening, was taken up at the 4th item.

An amendment offered by R. L. Lewis was adopted.

Item 5, referring to Ashland Church, was referred on motion of J. D. Kinzer, to the President and the delegates of Centreville and Queen Anne's.

Item 6, referring to Hallsboro', was referred to special committee: L. W. Bates, S. B. Southerland, C. W. Button and H. G. Cowan.

Item 7, referring to Campbell, was amended by striking out all after the word "circuit," and the item adopted.

The hour of recess having arrived, Conference was dismissed with the benediction by J. M. Sheridan.

On reassembling, the following reports were read and adopted:

On Superannuates. (See Reports, P.)

On Fraternal Relations. (See Reports, G.)

On Sabbath Schools. (See Reports, L.)

On Temperance, amended, on motion of D. W. Bates, by striking out Resolution V. (See Reports, M.)

Resolutions of thanks to the Baltimore *American* and Alexandria *Gazette*, and to J. R. Caton, were adopted. (See Resolutions, XIII.)

W. H. Stone, appointed to collect money for sexton and deficiency on Minutes, reported \$16.80.

On motion of L. W. Bates, he was directed to pay E. J. Drinkhouse \$2.50, T. H. Lewis \$2, and the remainder to the sexton.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders reported J. H. Maynard for the itinerancy, which was adopted. (See Reports, D.)

On motion of S. B. Southerland, the ordination of H. L. Elderdice was ordered to take place immediately preceding the President's announcement of the Plan of Appointments.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read and adopted, and F. T. Tagg, Corresponding Secretary Board of Missions, addressed the Conference on his work. (See Reports, N.)

The report of the Steward of Superannuated Fund was read and adopted. (See Reports, Q.)

The Committee on Missions reported, and the report was amended by filling the blank opposite Harper's Ferry with \$100, and changing the appropriation to Mt. Pleasant to \$108. The report was adopted. (See Reports, S.)

The Special Committee on Hallsboro', reported that Hallsboro' be put under the fostering care of Amelia, which was adopted.

The Committee on Boundaries made an additional report, recommending that Howard Circuit be divided, but remain under one management for one year, which was adopted. (See Reports, H.)

A resolution to abolish the anniversaries of Home Missionary Society and Superannuated Fund Society was laid on the table.

J. J. Murray offered resolutions on Judiciary. The first resolution was adopted, and the second laid on the table. (See Resolutions, X.)

The Committee on Finance reported the assessments for the year, the aggregates were read and the report adopted. (See Assessments.)

S. B. Tredway, offered resolution of endorsement of F. T. Tagg in his work as Missionary Secretary, which was adopted unanimously by a rising vote. (See Resolutions, XI.)

D. W. Bates offered a resolution to appoint a committee to take charge of vacant church property, which was adopted. (See Resolutions, XII.)

Conference adjourned with benediction by W. T. Dumm.

Approved: Wm. S. Hammond.

#### EVENING.

On motion of D. L. Greenfield, S. B. Southerland was placed on the superannuated list with an allowance of \$800. A special collection was taken to raise a portion of this amount, and \$368 were collected and paid over.

On motion, the Secretary was ordered to cast the ballot of Conference for Broadway as the place for holding the next session of Conference.

The report of the Board of Stewards was submitted and adopted. (See Reports, P, and Table of Collections.)

On motion of J. D. Kinzer, a committee of two was appointed to take a collection to assist in defraying the expenses of publishing the Minutes. The committee reported \$21.34.

On motion of D. W. Bates, the sale of Galena Church was referred to the Committee on Vacant Churches.

On motion of A. W. Mather and J. M. Yingling, the Secretary was instructed to notify the pastors of any deficiency in the amount for publishing Minutes, and hold the Minutes until the deficiency was met.

Resolutions of thanks to C. B. Middleton and the citizens of Alexandria were adopted. (See Resolutions, XIII.)

Resolutions of thanks to the Postmaster and Secretaries were adopted. (See Resolutions, XIII.)

On motion of E. J. Drinkhouse, the vote fixing the ordination of H. L. Elderdice for this evening was reconsidered, and the matter referred to the President.

The President read the Plan of Appointments, (see Reports, T), and at 11.45 P. M. Conference adjourned to meet in Broadway Church, Baltimore, Md., April 7th, 1886.

THOS. H. LEWIS,

*Secretary.*

## RESOLUTIONS.

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I.—See page 11.

### RULE CONSTITUTING A BOARD OF STEWARDS.

1. The Conference Steward, Home Missionary Steward, Superannuated Fund Steward and Home and Foreign Missionary Steward, shall constitute a Conference Board of Stewards, to whom the Secretary shall hand all reports and collections as received from pastors.

2. The Board of Stewards shall meet immediately after their election and open the envelopes containing the various collections, count the money enclosed, noting its agreement with the statement on the official report and on the envelope, and prepare a report of collections to the Conference. The money in hand shall then be passed to the persons designated by the Conference to receive it, and the reports to the Committee on Official Reports.

3. Other duties belonging to the several Stewards shall be performed and reported upon separately as now.

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II.—See page 12.

### VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT.

*Resolved*, That a committee of two be appointed by this Conference to call on President Cleaveland, to inquire if it will be in accordance with his pleasure and convenience to receive a visit from this body; and, if so, what day and hour.

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III.—See page 18.

### MONEY FROM SALE OF CLEARSRING CHURCH.

*Resolved*. That the money from the sale of Clearspring Church be turned over to T. D. Valiant, to be appropriated to the building of Belair M. P. Church.

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IV.—See page 18.

### ANNIVERSARY H. M. SOCIETY.

*Resolved*, That we dispense with the Anniversary of the Home Missionary Society for this evening, to give place to a session of the Conference; and that the report of the Committee on Education be made the order of the day for 7½ o'clock this P. M.

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V.—See page 18.

### GRAFTON CHURCH.

*Resolved*, That we approve and commend the enterprise of the Grafton Church, under the auspices of the West Virginia Conference, for the erection of a new and commodious building at this important and growing centre; and, in particular, in view of its use for our General Conference assemblies; and that liberty is extended for solicitation for this object in our District.

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VI.—See page 19.

### SYMPATHY.

*Resolved*, That this Conference has heard with deep regret the affliction of our dear brethren, Revs. J. K. Nichols, J. R. Nichols and W. F. Livingston.

*Resolved, 2d,* That they have the sympathy of this Conference, and our prayers for their speedy recovery.

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**VII.**—See page 20.

**ATLANTA.**

*Resolved,* That this Maryland Annual Conference hereby extends to Atlanta Mission Christian sympathy in this its time of trouble, while suffering from financial depression, and other embarrassing conditions.

*Resolved, 2d,* That this Conference is willing to co-operate with the church in Atlanta, through the agency of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions, in any plan said Board may devise for the relief of the mission.

*Resolved, 3d,* That this Conference commend the Atlanta Mission to the sympathy and charitable consideration of all sister Conferences, and to all true Methodist Protestants everywhere.

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**VIII.**—See page 20.

**SUPERANNUATES.**

*Resolved,* That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to add to the list of questions to claimants, the following:

What is the assessed value of the real estate owned by you?

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**IX.**—See page 21.

**SEMINARY DAY.**

*Resolved,* That the second Sunday in October be set apart, to be called Seminary Day, and that that day be devoted to a special effort on every charge in the District to raise the remainder of the debt on the Seminary building.

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**X.**—See page 23.

**DISCIPLINE JUDICIARY.**

*Resolved,* That the Discipline Judiciary, provided in Article XV. of the Constitution is the only body authorized to pronounce upon the constitutionality of the laws enacted or decisions rendered by the General Conventions or Conferences of the Church. Good faith requires observance of the laws; and the attempt of any Annual Conference to abrogate or make null and void the legislation of the General Conference, except in the way provided as above, is a contempt of just authority, tending to anarchy and disintegration, and therefore to be deprecated and condemned by every loyal member of the Church.

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**XI.**—See page 23.

**F. T. TAGG.**

*Resolved,* That we give to Rev. F. T. Tagg, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions, our hearty endorsement, and bespeak for him the cordial support of the entire Church.

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**XII.**—See page 23.

**VACANT CHURCHES.**

*Resolved,* That a committee of two ministers and two laymen, with the President of this Conference, being the chairman thereof, be appointed to take supervision of vacant churches in our Conference District, and consider the propriety of their sale or otherwise.

XIII.—See page 24.

THANKS.

1. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and they are hereby tendered, to the *Baltimore Sun* for its full, careful, accurate and excellent reports of the proceedings of this body that have from day to day appeared in its columns.

2. *Resolved*, That this Conference express its appreciation of the successful efforts of the *Baltimore American* and *Alexandria Gazette* to give full and accurate reports of the proceedings of this session.

3. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered, to James R. Caton, Esq., for his thoughtful consideration and courteous attention to the members of the body during this session.

4. *Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of this Conference be tendered to Rev. C. B. Middleton, for his very kind and courteous attention to the members of this Conference. Also, to the citizens of Alexandria, for their kind and hearty reception, and hospitable entertainment of this body.

5. *Resolved*, That our thanks are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Secretary and his assistant for the faithful and efficient manner in which they have performed their laborious duties.

6. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to Rev. C. S. Arrett, for his efficient services as Postmaster.

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R E P O R T S .

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A.—See page 10.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

*To the Maryland Annual Conference :*

DEAR BRETHREN: I give you Christian salutation on the fifty-seventh annual assembling of the Maryland Conference. Amid our glad salutations there comes a mournful pause, during which tears and sighs are given to the precious memory of those who will meet with us no more in bodily presence. One matured in years and wisdom and grace ; two rejoicing in the plenitude of life and hope, and one in the first flush of beautiful manhood, have been summoned away.

Rev. Charles Theodore Cochel died July 25. He leaves a record of zeal, fidelity and rich fruitage, and reared for himself monuments in the material temples he built in which God is worshipped, and more lasting memorials in those built up as living temples under his ministry, in whom the God of glory dwells.

Rev. James Martin Elderdice died October 5. To his liberal endowments highly developed there was a resplendent setting of meekness and humility, if perchance not duly valued by men, all the more worthy to shine in the crown of the King. Good and faithful, self-sacrificing and laborious, he has gone to Him who is not unjust to forget his work of faith and labor of love.

Rev. Arthur Daniel Murray died November 17. Type of the highest style of Christian heroism : he laid himself, body and spirit, upon the altar, and

was consumed by the sacrificial fire of love to God and his fellow-man. He loved everybody and everybody loved him, and is mourned with that peculiar sorrow with which the heart pours its grief over the grave of the early dead.

Rev. Henry Edward Miskimon died February 12. A man endowed with useful talents; of pure and exalted character, a devout servant of Christ and loyal son of the Church. In the midst of labors abundant, he was called to his reward, leaving his charge to grieve over an irreparable loss, and the Conference to mourn a sad bereavement.

There is another sorrow which has been brought to us with the revolution of the year, the death of the companion of one of our brethren of the Conference. Mrs. Anna A. Jones, wife of Rev. J. B. Jones, died August 4. This estimable Christian lady, for her personal worth, and the noble work she has done for the Church in companionship of labor and sacrifice with her husband, deserves to have her name called up in love and honor, and to linger in sweet, sad memory, as we dwell upon our household griefs of the year.

A summary of the results of the year's work shows an encouraging view of the state of religious life amongst us, and of the material improvements in the District. About fifteen hundred persons have been taken into the Church; but from this aggregate is to be deducted the losses which I have no means as yet of estimating. The material improvements are as follow:

Accomac, new parsonage, \$400; Alexandria, improvements, \$265; Anne Arundel, \$65; Belair, new church, \$3,800—debt \$1,300; East Baltimore, paid on debt and improvements \$1,100; South Baltimore, \$35; Broadway, on debt and improvements, \$1,350; Caroline, new church \$2,150—on parsonage \$200; Campbell, a church; Crumpton, new parsonage \$1,060—debt \$183; Centreville, a bell \$175; Concord, on parsonage \$125; Cambridge, on debt and improvements \$160; Chesapeake, sexton house, \$300; Dorchester, Vienna church completed, Crotcher's Ferry nearly completed and fully paid for, and parsonage improvement, \$3,300; Deer Park, improvement \$180; Easton, \$700; Frederick, \$100; Felton, \$225; Fawn Grove, Nebo Church \$400, Delta \$940, Norrisville \$900, parsonage \$125; Franklin City, church lot, \$80; Finksburg, parsonage lot and for building \$525; Howard, new church \$950, parsonage improvement \$233; Laurel, new church \$2,000, parsonage \$1,700; Lynchburg, improvement \$200; Milton, for new church \$750, on parsonage \$150; Middleway, \$125; Ninth-Street, \$125; Pocomoke, new parsonage \$927—debt \$427, improvements \$185; Pocomoke City, \$35; Potomac, \$325; Powellsville, paid on debt \$300; Preston, paid debt \$364; Quantico, new parsonage \$500; Queen Anne's, \$65; Pittsville, church finished, \$1,100—of this amount \$500 to credit of this year, and on improvements \$350; Stewartstown, new church \$1,800; Surry, new church \$1,000—debt \$300, and paid on parsonage and furniture \$378; Seaford, improvements \$405; Starr, \$120; Susquehanna, \$350; St. Luke's, debt paid \$1,000; Union, subscription for new church \$1,000, parsonage improvements \$70; Pipe Creek, paid on Union Bridge Church \$1,485, improvements on parsonage \$200; Westminster, \$300; Washington-Street, \$225.

Recapitulation: New churches, six; parsonages, five; monies raised on building and other improvements, \$36,227.



I report the following change of appointments during the year : Rev. W. F. Roberts was released from Snow Hill July 24. I desired him to fill the vacancy on Rowlandville, which he declined. On the 1st of September I gave Hull Street Mission into his charge. The hope of reviving an interest there proving illusory, the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society has put the property into the hands of an agent that it may be sold. First Church, Washington, being left without a pastor by the death of Rev. C. T. Cochel, Salisbury consented to the release of Rev. S. B. Tredway to fill the vacancy. Accordingly, on the 1st of September, I transferred Rev. S. B. Tredway to First Church, and by consent of Rowlandville Circuit, transferred Rev. J. W. Balderston to Salisbury. Upon the decease of Rev. James M. Elderdice, in October, his son, Rev. H. L. Elderdice, was appointed pastor of Union Circuit. Rev. J. H. Maynard, M. D., was appointed assistant pastor of Georgetown Station, upon the decease of Rev. Arthur D. Murray in November. In January I employed Rev. D. E. King to take care of Whitmarsh appointment, which, by action of the Quarterly Conference of Anne Arundel Circuit, was cut off from that circuit, and consequently left unsupplied during nearly the whole of the year.

I received two installments, one \$60 and the other \$30, on the sale of the Clearspring Church, from Hon. A. K. Seyster. This money is on deposit, subject to the disposal of Conference. I advise its transfer to the Missionary Society for investment, together with any money subsequently coming from the same source.

I call attention to the importance of devising some means of realizing some benefit from the church property on unoccupied circuits. The appointment of an agent with full powers would seem expedient.

I have long been impressed with the propriety of having a Conference Record of minister's wives. I suggest that the Secretary be directed to obtain a book, and inscribe therein the names of the wives of our ministers, so far as they can be obtained, from the organization of the Conference, the date of their birth, the place of their nativity, the date of their conversion, the date of their marriage, and the date at which any have deceased.

There are certain of our Standing Committees which rarely have any matters referred to them, and are placed under the embarrassment of a repetition of formal resolutions from year to year. I suggest that any committee in default of matters being referred to it, report only at its own option.

With great pleasure I acknowledge the courtesies and hospitalities of the brethren in the ministry and the laity.

With profound gratitude to our Saviour God, for His loving favor to our household of faith in the peace and prosperity we have enjoyed, and for His manifold mercies to me, the servant of the Church, I am in Christian brotherhood,

Sincerely Yours,

J. T. MURRAY.

*Alexandria, Va., April 1, 1885.*

**B.—See page 16.****ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.**

The Committee on President's Report beg leave to offer the following :  
They recommend—

1. That the monies in the hands of the President from the sale of the Clearspring Church be applied by the Conference in accordance with section 5, page 110, of the Discipline.

2. The adoption of the recommendation of the President to appoint an agent with full powers to dispose by sale of church property on all unoccupied circuits and stations.

3. The adoption of the President's suggestion that the Secretary be directed to obtain a book and inscribe therein the names of the wives of our ministers, so far as they can be obtained, from the organization of the Conference, the place of their nativity, the dates of their birth, conversion, marriage and death. And we further recommend, that hereafter, when they shall decease, suitable obituaries shall be inserted in the Minutes of this Conference.

4. The adoption of the President's recommendation in regard to standing committees, to wit: "That any committee, in default of matters being referred to it, report only at its own option."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. S. ROWE, *Chairman.*

**C.—See page 13.****PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.**

The Committee on Publication of Minutes reports that 1200 copies of the Minutes were issued in 1884, costing in all..... \$158.05.  
In addition, I paid bills of incidental Conference expenses, amount-

ing to..... 10.40

\$168.45

Amount Conference collection for 1883..... \$150.69

Sales of extra copies..... 14.00

164.69

\$3.76

I have on hand a sufficient number of copies to meet this deficiency if they can be sold here at 10 cents a copy.

Vouchers are enclosed with this report.

I recommend that this report, with vouchers, go to the Committee on Literature, that the question may there be considered as to whether the Conference Minutes should be printed so as to meet the Conference collection or whether it is desirable to continue to improve and enlarge the publication, and, if so, what measures are called for to meet the necessary expense.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. H. LEWIS.

**D.—See page 17.****FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION.**

The Faculty of Instruction report as follows :

J. H. Daugherty, J. W. Norris, H. G. Cowan and C. H. Day were passed to the second year class.

S. F. Cassen was marked 100 on the Institutions of Christianity, and was passed to the third year.

J. M. Gill, having passed on part of the studies at the last session, was examined on Ecclesiastical History, and was recommended for Orders.

C. R. Blades was marked 100 on New Testament, Smith's History, English Grammar, Constitution and Discipline, Miller on Clerical Habits, and "The Contrast." S. C. Ohrum and B. W. Kindley were marked 100 by all the examiners of the Preparatory Department. J. W. Kirk was examined upon the whole course, and received 100 from all the examiners.

D. L. Greenfield, J. W. Gray and A. W. Mather were elected members of the Faculty, the latter to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of F. T. Tagg.

The following is the course of study as revised by a committee appointed for the purpose, and adopted by the Faculty :

Preparatory Year—To stand as now.

First Year—Pope's Theology, Vol. I.; Kidder's Homiletics; Bassett's History of the M. P. Church; Nichol's Help to the Study of the Bible.

Second Year—Pope's Theology, Vol. II.; Kidder's Christian Pastorate; Blackburn's Church History, to Reformation; Barrow's Sacred Geography and Antiquities.

Third Year—Pope's Theology, Vol. III.; Blackburn's Church History, completed; Butler's Analogy; Miller on the Christian Ministry.

The studies have been assigned as follows: Preparatory examiners, unchanged. First Year—Theology, J. T. Ward and B. F. Benson. Since both these brethren cannot be present at the same time, it seemed necessary to make the above arrangement. Homiletics, D. L. Greenfield; Bassett's History, J. W. Gray; Nichol's Help, J. M. Holmes. Second Year—Theology, H. C. Cushing; Pastorate, W. S. Hammond; Sacred Geography, E. R. McGregor; History, J. D. Kinzer. Third Year—Theology, T. D. Valiant; History, T. H. Lewis; Butler's Analogy, W. M. Strayer; Miller on Christian Ministry, A. W. Mather.

The following note is appended to the course of study: Every student will be expected to appear before the President of the Faculty in each year of the course to answer the following question: Have you spent a portion of each day in private study of the Word and prayer?

No student shall be examined at any other time than Conference, and then only in the studies of the past year.

Every student shall be examined in all the studies of the Preparatory Year for admission into the itinerancy, but afterwards, students who have a certificate of graduation from the Seminary, shall be examined each year only in Theology.

Candidates for the itinerancy shall not be graded by examiners in the Preparatory Department.

Persons admitted to the itinerancy by the Annual Conference, shall be presented at the Bar of the Conference by the President of the Faculty, and be addressed by the President of the Conference.

Thomas Alba Lloyd, Thomas E. Davis and Eddie H. Vandyke are recommended as suitable persons to receive aid from the Board of Ministerial Education.

The Faculty of Instruction recommend the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That a committee, consisting of J. T. Ward, B. F. Benson, J. D. Kinzer and T. H. Lewis, be appointed for the purpose of examining applicants for aid from the Board of Ministerial Education during the interim of Conference.

The Faculty of Instruction, as the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, report as follows :

1. For Itinerancy—C. R. Blades, S. C. Ohrum, J. W. Kirk, B. W. Kindley, H. L. Elderdice, J. H. Maynard.

2. For Orders—J. M. Gill ; also H. L. Elderdice, with the understanding that he shall appear for examination as others have done under similar circumstances.

Lewis Finley and Paul Brown, of Charleston, S. C., and Samuel Snipes and Wm. Alexander, of Berkley, S. C., are recommended for Orders if the President, or his appointee, shall be satisfied, after an examination, that they are suitable persons.

3. We recommend that B. F. Jester be left in the hands of the President, to be employed if suitable work can be found for him.

4. The case of G. D. Edmondston was not acted upon, because no assurance could be obtained that his services could be profitably used.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *President*.

### **E.—See page 17.**

#### **BENEVOLENT AGENCIES.**

Your committee reports :

1. That the aggregate amount reported from the Maryland District for the Maryland Bible Society is \$302.60, of which \$152.60 consists of collections by the various charges, and \$150 is the annual donation by Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese. Amount, \$302.60.

The following persons are recommended to be constituted life directors of the Maryland Bible Society, in addition to those named by Mrs. Reese, viz.: John W. Jump, Mrs. Katie W. Little, Mrs. Mary E. Maloy, Revs. E. R. McGregor, J. W. Gray, Geo. R. McCready.

2. That the aggregate amount reported from the District for the Maryland Tract Society is \$306.27, of which \$49.21 came in envelopes to the Conference, and \$257.06 were secured during the year by the General Agent of the society. Amount, \$306.27.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following paper, referred to us by the Conference :

*Resolved*, That the Maryland Tract Society is recognized by this Conference as an agency in the work of evangelization, deserving the sympathy and support of our Church.

2. That the Maryland Tract Society, by means of colporteurs, tract distributors and grants of religious publications, is doing a work in which the whole Christian Church is interested ; and is not, therefore, to be regarded as alien from us, but as our fellow-worker, supplementing the labors of our own

and other churches in a field that requires more laborers than any single church can supply.

3. *Resolved*. That the Corresponding Secretary and General Agent of the Maryland Tract Society, Rev. R. Scott Norris, enjoys the respect and confidence of this Conference, and is cordially commended to the confidence of other Christians to whom he is not so well-known as to ourselves.

4. That our pastors and brethren are affectionately solicited to afford every reasonable facility to the colporteurs and other accredited agents of the Maryland Tract Society, in the performance of their work.

E. R. MCGREGOR, *Chairman*.

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**F.—See page 18.**

**OFFICIAL CHARACTER.**

The Committee on Official Character respectfully submit the following report :

1. Having carefully examined the reports of the various pastors, we recommend that their character pass

2. We recommend that the accompanying blank for Pastor's Reports be adopted, and that the Secretary be authorized to print 500 copies of the same.

J. L. MILLS, *Chairman*.

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**G.—See page 18.**

**FRATERNAL RELATIONS.**

The Committee on Fraternal Relations report :

The presence of Rev. D. M. Simonton and Mr. Alexander Squires, as fraternal messengers from West Virginia Conference, and recommend that this Conference fix an hour to hear the communication of these brethren, and that the President appoint messengers to bear the greetings of this body to the next session of the West Virginia Conference.

That the greetings of the Pittsburgh Conference, received through the letter of Rev. C. E. Wilbur, A. M., its accredited messenger, are appreciated and heartily reciprocated.

The presence of Rev. S. J. Liggan, fraternal messenger from the Virginia Conference, and recommend that an hour be fixed to receive his greetings.

That the request of the Quarterly Conference of St. John's Church, Baltimore, for the re-appointment of Dr. Jno. J. Murray be granted.

That the Conference express its gratification in the presence of Rev. J. F. Cowan, Editor of the S. S. publications of the Methodist Protestant Church, and that he be accorded the opportunity of addressing the body.

That the request of the President of the Virginia Conference, and the Quarterly Conference of Heathsville Circuit, that the said circuit be supplied by this Conference, be granted.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *Chairman*.

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**H.—See page 18.**

**BOUNDARIES.**

The Committee on Boundaries beg leave to report upon the following cases referred to them :

1. That White Marsh and Marley appointment on the Anne Arundel Cir-

cuit, be made one charge, to be known as Marley Circuit, and that Brooklyn, Holly Run and Severn constitute henceforth the Anne Arundel Circuit; each to be supplied with one minister.

2. The committee recommend that the request of Somerset to set off Mt. Pleasant as a station, to be known as Crisfield, be complied with.

3. Upon the resolution of the Quarterly Conference of Talbot Circuit, asking that Oxford appointment be set off as a station, and Trappe and Bamerry constitute Talbot Circuit in future, we report favorably.

4. We report favorably upon the joint request of the Congress-St. Station, and Mt. Pleasant Mission, Georgetown, for a separation of the two charges, with the understanding that whatever sum may be collected in Georgetown for Home Missions, be appropriated to Mt. Pleasant, until the latter is self-sustaining.

5. We recommend concurrence in the action of the Quarterly Conference of Fawn Grove Circuit, in proposing to set off Nebo and Delta appointments, to be known henceforth as Delta Circuit; the remaining appointments to bear the old name of Fawn Grove, provided the President can comply with the request of the Quarterly Conference to supply Delta with a single ordained man.

6. That Wheatley Church be detached from Union Circuit, and attached to Seaford, and that Seaford, Gethsemane and Wheatley constitute Seaford Circuit.

7. That Hallsboro' Society, in Chesterfield county, Va., be placed under the fostering care of Amelia Mission, and that, with a view to the development of this work, the missionary appropriation for Amelia Mission be increased, if possible.

8. The letter of W. N. Stratton, of Bethel, Southside Circuit, Appomattox county, Va., addressed to the President of the Conference, is earnestly commended to your consideration. One of your committee is familiar with the facts in this case, having knowledge of the noble struggle made by that local church to perpetuate its existence. If no other or better arrangement can be made, we recommend that Bethel be attached to Campbell Circuit.

9. In the matter of the proposed division of Howard, we recommend that it be divided in accordance with the plan suggested by the Quarterly Conference, but that, for the ensuing year, the two ministers who may be appointed to that field of labor, shall have the undivided management, as heretofore, of that whole territory, it being considered judicious that the actual division of Howard into two independent circuits, under separate management, should be postponed for one year.

C. W. BUTTON, *Chairman.*

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J.—See page 18.

#### LITERATURE.

The Committee on Literature beg leave to report as follows:

1. We audited the accounts accompanying the report of the Secretary, and find them correct. We express our admiration of the improvement in the published Minutes for last year, and recommend an assessment on the several charges for additional improvements.

2. The report of the Book Agent and Publisher of THE METHODIST PROTESTANT was before the committee. We are glad to learn, notwithstanding the monetary pressure, that the expenses of the business for the past year have been more than met; and that plans are in course of preparation by which it is hoped to realize a greater revenue the coming year. The committee commend the improved condition of the paper, and earnestly urge its hearty support by the whole Church.

We also endorse the Sunday-School Literature in the strongest terms, and earnestly insist that all our Sunday-schools use our own.

3. We learn with regret that some of the congregations of our Church have not adopted our hymn-book, "The Tribute of Praise," and recommend that they at once do so.

4. We also recommend the purchase of S. S. Library and other books of our own Book Concern, in view of the profit accruing to the Church therefrom, and the adoption of the following :

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of pastors to exert themselves diligently to the end that every church shall have a sufficient number of hymn-books for the use of the congregation, either by individual purchase, or by the action of official bodies. Also, that at least one copy of the Discipline and of the Church Catechism be in every family.

W. S. HAMMOND, *Chairman*.

#### REPORT OF BOOK DIRECTORY.

OFFICE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT,  
BALTIMORE, March 28, 1885. }

*To the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church :*

BRETHREN: By the Charter of the "Baltimore Book Concern and Periodicals" it is no longer the special duty of the "Directory" to make a report to your body. Yet, as one of the patronizing Conferences, it seems eminently proper that, as located within your District, and deriving such large support from your Conference, the Agent and Publisher should at least make a brief statement of our Book Concern interests, that you may, as heretofore, give us such moral and material support as the importance of our publishing interests claim at your hands.

In the experience of all newspaper publishers the severe commercial and mercantile trials of the past twelve months have not been equaled since the war, and, as is known to many of you, the Church paper is a good thing with which to start household economy; others do not voluntarily stop, but compel us to do so, under the rule of the Directory requiring prepayment. These three causes have resulted to us a less number of subscribers than one year ago, notwithstanding we have gotten more new subscribers than we did the preceding year.

We have more than met our expenses on the business of the year, and are now preparing plans which will result to a greater revenue for the coming year. We believe you will promptly recognize the vast improvement, both in the editorial work and the mechanical "make-up" of THE METHODIST PROTESTANT during the past year.

By action of our late "General Convention," since your last meeting, our Sunday-School Publications (the "Bible-School" Series) has been made a separate department, under the editorship of Rev. J. F. Cowan, and has been greatly improved, both as to the "literary make-up" and the mechanical execution, and with a grade of prices that must commend them to all our schools. We respectfully suggest that you endorse these Sunday-School Periodicals in positive language, that our Sunday-school officials will feel it a duty—as it is—to sustain "our own" because they are our own; because they are better than most others, and equal to all; and because they are as



cheap as any. We, also, ask that you call attention to our copy-right publication, "The Tribute of Praise," not yet adopted by all our congregations. The Discipline, the Methodist Protestant Catechisms, the Church Registers, as well as our large line of Sunday-School Libraries, and general supplies, the profit on the sale of every dollar's worth being participated in by the Church, which means that every dollar expended for such supplies elsewhere is a direct loss to the Methodist Protestant Church, and is simply suicidal as a policy.

We shall be pleased if this statement be referred to your Committee on Literature, and that such commendatory resolutions may be passed as will secure a hearty co-operation of our ministers, and of our laymen, in supporting this general interest of the Church.

Yours, very truly,

WM. J. C. DULANY, *Agent*.

K.—See page 18.

#### EDUCATION.

The report of the President of Western Maryland College, Rev. Dr. J. T. Ward, shows a most gratifying increase in the patronage of the College. The increase of fifteen students over the number reported a year ago, shows a larger interest in the Institution, and is very encouraging. We hope that all the pastors will continue to keep the College before the people of their charges, as an educational institution worthy of their patronage—a school where their children can be well educated at a reasonable cost, and their morals be carefully trained.

We are pleased that the amount upon the completed half-section of "Ward Hall," reported last Conference, has been paid, and that some monies are in hand towards the erection of the other section of the "Hall." Additional college room being deemed necessary, we commend this interest to our people, hoping that they will be pleased to send to Dr. Ward contributions towards this improvement. We agree with President Ward, that the commencement of this improvement should be deferred until sufficient money is in hand to pay for it. Small contributions from the many promptly made, would soon provide this sum, and we would be glad if the response of the people to Dr. Ward's appeal would be prompt and ample.

The ministers of the Conference being familiar with the families of the Church and congregation, should furnish the President of the College with all information that would be useful in the present or future patronage of the College. This interest should be as carefully attended to as any other, and might secure an ever increasing patronage, and save many of our children to the Church.

The "Financial Statement" of the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education is as follows:

Entire receipts for year ending July, 1884, \$2,104.85.

Number of men aided, (7) seven.

Number of men being aided during present year, ending July, 1885, (14) fourteen.

Maryland Conference assessment for year ending July, 1884, \$1,359. Amount of this assessment paid, \$481—amount of deficiency, \$878.

Assessment for year ending July, 1885, \$687; collected to present time, \$383—deficiency, \$304.



The Corresponding Secretary states, there are between 40 and 50 men studying at the two Colleges; twenty-two of these are at Western Maryland. Of these students, a large proportion will need assistance.

It will be observed, that the collections in the Maryland District have decreased materially since the first year. The probable cause of this is, that during the first year the Corresponding Secretary canvassed the District personally, and since then the matter has depended upon the efforts of the pastors of the various charges. Your committee express the hope that the pastors will do their utmost to secure the full amount of the assessment.

From a careful examination of the report of the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary, we find occasion to congratulate the Conference upon the flourishing condition of this new institution. The greater number of students enrolled, the economy of its administration, the judicious management of its affairs, the provisions made for the equipment of young men for the ministry, demonstrate that we have a theological institution under the management of our Church, that is in every way worthy of full confidence and hearty support of our people. We recommend the adoption of the Report Board of Governors, item by item.

2. We also call attention to the fact that there is still an indebtedness of \$500 upon the Seminary. The total amount of receipts for the salary of the President of the Seminary, from collections and subscriptions, was \$1,052 86, leaving a balance unpaid of \$147.14. We recommend that some provision be made for this deficiency. Some effort should be made by the Conference to make more sure the salary of the President.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF W. M. COLLEGE.

*To the President and Members of the Maryland Annual Conference in Session at Alexandria, Va.:*

DEAR BRETHREN: Since my last report to you of the condition and prospects of Western Maryland College, the affairs of the institution have gone on harmoniously and with a degree of success not surpassed by that of any previous year in its history. Although the whole number of students enrolled is somewhat less than during a few former years, it is more than the general average; and were we to include the number of students attending the Westminster Theological Seminary, who take their meals at the College, and who conduct the College Prayer Meetings, as we used to count the Theological students of the College before the Seminary was organized, the total would far exceed that of any other year. Even without counting these, our number of *boarding* students this year has been unusually large, especially on the ladies' side. Indeed, all the available room we have, has been occupied during the year; and if our patronage increase, as we have reason to believe it will, we must provide more room, even for boarding accommodations. For other purposes, additional room is even now desirable, and will be absolutely essential, in case the Trustees should adopt the suggestions of the Faculty, for the joint recitations of male and female students; for in that case, several of our present recitation-rooms would be too small for the classes we now have.

Since the last session of Conference, the amount then remaining due on the building of the half-section of "Ward Hall" has been fully paid, and some subscriptions in cash received toward completing that building—making it double its present size. Of course it would only be occupied by male students, but it would enable us to make such further changes in the main building of the College, where some male students still room, as would better accommodate the lady students, and also somewhat enlarge some of the recitation-rooms. I hope our friends will interest themselves in providing the necessary

means for completing the Hall during the present summer ; but do not think it would be wise to undertake the work until money is in hand to cover the expense of whatever is done. We have had experience enough to warn us against accumulating debt.

Allow me to express grateful acknowledgment of the fact that the success in increasing the number of our students during the time in which we have had no travelling agent in the field, has been largely due to the interest taken by ministers of the Conference. They come in contact with the families from which most of the students for the College are obtained ; in a number of instances their own children have been educated at the College, and among the younger members of Conference are about twenty who were themselves students, so that they know whereof they affirm when they commend the institution.

We have had occasional visits from brethren of the Conference during the year, and I repeat what I have said in former reports, that such visits do the College good, and I hope we shall have more of them.

The religious interests of the College have been cared for as usual, with the co-operation of the students of the Theological Seminary. The Young Men's Christian Association, and also the Young Women's Christian Association (the latter organized during this year), have been efficient and useful. Measures have been taken for the education of a pupil in the Japan Mission School of the M. P. Church, and the students feel a special interest in that work, from the fact the Rev. F. C. Klein, a graduate of our College, is employed in it.

The series of able lectures given during this fall and winter, by Dr. J. W. Hering, on Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene, deserves to be particularly mentioned as having afforded valuable instruction to the students both of the College and Seminary, and visiting friends.

In this, as in former years, we have had some students from other States than Maryland. While this is highly gratifying and encouraging, we still feel that we must depend mainly upon Maryland, not only for students, but for help in every way ; and any steps which the Conference in its wisdom may see fit to take, looking to the supply of the needs of the College, will be highly appreciated by the Trustees and Faculty.

I append the usual statistics. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours fraternally,

J. T. WARD, *President W. M. C.*

#### STATISTICS.

Number of Students enrolled 1883-84.....	168
“ “ “ 1884-85.....	122
Number of graduates, June, 1884.....	21
“ to graduate, “ 1885.....	16
“ of State Scholarships.....	26
“ of County “.....	12

Of the whole number of students enrolled for 1883-84, there were 66 males, 43 females ; for 1884-85, there are 70 males, 52 females. Boarding students, 1883-84, 35 males, 29 females ; boarding students, 1884-85, 42 males, 35 females.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Estimated value of College buildings, ground, furniture, &c.....	\$35,000.00
Net indebtedness reported at Trustees' meeting, June, 1884.....	6,824.32
“ “ “ “ “ “ January, 1885.....	6,252.64

Localities Represented by Students—Maryland : Allegany county, 2 ; Anne Arundel, 1 ; Baltimore county, 9, (city, 6) ; Calvert, 1 ; Caroline, 1 ; Carroll, 52, (Westminster, 38) ; Cecil, 1 ; Charles, 1 ; Dorchester, 1 ; Frederick, 8 ; Garrett, 1 ; Harford, 2 ; Howard, 1 ; Kent, 8 ; Montgomery, 1 ; Pr. George's, 1 ; Queen Anne's, 4 ; St. Mary's, 1 ; Somerset, 4 ; Talbot, 1 ; Washington, 2 ; Wicomico, 2 ; Worcester, 1. Total for Maryland, 107. North Carolina, 5 ; District of Columbia, 3 ; Delaware, Virginia, (each 2), 4 ; Alabama, Dakota, Georgia, West Indies, (each 1), 4. Total, (males, 70, females, 52), 122.

REPORT OF GOVERNORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Governors of "The Westminster Theological Seminary of the Methodist Protestant Church," having been fully organized by the action of the last General Convention of the Church, in accordance with the provisions of the charter obtained from the Legislature of Maryland, beg leave to submit to the Maryland Annual Conference their report of the condition of said institution at date:

1. Students: Number of Students in Seminary, 22. From Maryland, 13; West Virginia, 6; North Carolina, 2; Alabama, 1. Present graduating Class, 6.

2. Receipts and Expenditures for the current year:

Gross amount received from Students.....	\$1,843.87
Amount paid for Board of Students.....	\$954.32
"    "    Books furnished Students.....	188.58
"    "    Fuel, Janitor and Incidentals.....	243.84
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Amount of receipts in excess of current expenses..... \$457.13

Amount expended for Furniture and permanent improvements to property ..... 220.48

Net balance..... \$236.65

3. Seminary Debt: Total cost of Seminary property, \$4,000.

Amount of indebtedness on property at date..... \$1,300.00

Cash in hands of Treasurer for payment of debt..... \$100.00

Reliable subscriptions " " " " " " 400.00

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500.00

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\$800.00

The remaining points to be canvassed for payment of debt, the Board feel confident will yield..... 300.00

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\$500.00

4. For the work performed by the President, and his associates in the Faculty, and for everything touching the Curriculum of the Institution, we refer to the last annual Catalogue, a copy of which is herewith submitted.

5. We respectfully request Conference to allow the Board of Governors to re-elect Rev. Thomas H. Lewis to the Presidency of the Seminary, and that the Conference assessment plan be continued as at present.

6. In order to give the Conference a full understanding of the cost which has been incurred by the Church in conducting the Seminary, the following statement is made:

Amount contributed by the Church to sustain the Seminary for three years, to March 1st, 1885..... \$2,467.87

Of which amount the following sums have been received for the past year:

Maryland Conference assessments..... \$259.45

    "    "    individual subscriptions..... 265.00

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\$524.45

Amount contributed by other Conferences..... 103.00

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\$627.45

In closing this report, the Board cannot but congratulate the Church upon the success which has attended the efforts made for the establishment of a Theological Seminary, under the direct control of the Methodist Protestant Church; for the able and thorough manner in which the President and Faculty have performed their duties; for the economy which has been practiced in every department; and for the widening influence which the Seminary is steadily gaining.

It will be observed in the present report that there remains an indebtedness of five hundred dollars upon the property, which has not been provided for. The Board would feel greatly relieved if this remaining balance could be speedily paid, and the valuable property stand in fee simple and unencumbered, in the name of the Board of Governors, for the use and benefit of the Methodist Protestant Church.

L. W. BATES,	J. W. HERING,
J. THOMAS MURRAY,	WM. J. C. DULANY,
JNO. D. KINZER,	CHAS. E. CRENSHAW,
F. H. M. HENDERSON,	JOHN C. ROBERTS,
BENJAMIN STOUT,	THOMAS LEE.

REPORT OF THE MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY.

BALTIMORE, March 31st, 1885.

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE: As required by our act of incorporation, we make to you our annual report:

There is still a balance due by the Society, on account of two notes of one thousand dollars each, given to John Smith for value received, and which have been liquidated out of proceeds accruing from the Walker Plan for liquidation of the college debt, less the balance, of \$344.88, due on the second of the two notes.

We find there is yet due on the Walker Plan, either by note or verbal promise to pay, sums aggregating \$1,664, not estimating interest. Frequent appeals have been made to these parties so obligated, without response. It is still hoped, however, that some of them, at least, will be mindful of their obligation, and remit, so that the balance due by our Society may be covered, and the College further relieved by their contributions.

Respectfully submitted, E. J. DRINKHOUSE, *Secretary*.

L.—See page 22.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath-Schools respectfully report as follows:

In regard to a resolution referred to us by the Conference, relating to the substitution of periodicals of suitable character for the class of books usually found in Sunday-school libraries, we do not believe that the arrangement would be generally satisfactory to the schools; nevertheless, wherever it may be acceptable we recommend the change. Furthermore, in view of the low price, and valuable character of the Sunday-school periodicals of our Church, as compared with others, we respectfully urge our schools to confine their patronage, as far as possible, to our own literature.

In view of the vast amount of literature, of doubtful character, flooding the land, we respectfully urge the superintendents of our schools to carefully guard against the introduction of it into their schools; and for this purpose we recommend that, before new libraries shall be circulated among the children, discreet adult persons, in the school or church, be appointed to examine them, in the event the superintendent cannot personally attend to it.

While we highly approve of the use of the International Lesson system, we have reason to believe that their use has, to a great extent, displaced the old and valuable custom of committing to memory, by the children, the holy Scriptures. We, therefore, urge superintendents not to allow to fall into disuse a custom so fraught with usefulness.

We deplore the disposition, wherever it is manifested, of separating the interests of the Sunday-school from those of the church, for they are evident-

ly one. We believe that the children in our schools should be regarded as candidates for membership in the church, and that the tendency of all Sunday-school arrangements should be to qualify them for that membership. We believe that the practice of allowing the children to disperse after school, instead of teaching them to remain to the preaching service, is subversive of that end.

Your committee recommend that the pastors of this Conference be respectfully requested to call the attention of the superintendents of Sunday-schools within their charges to the recommendations of the Conference, from time to time, relating to that department.

We are highly gratified to learn, from the Committee on Statistics, that there was an increase of 347 of our Sunday-school periodicals taken the last year, and an increase of 138 scholars, and 763 conversions in our schools.

We further recommend the observance of two Children's Days during the year—the first in June and the second in October.

D. A. SHERMER, *Chairman*.

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M.—See page 22.

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, respectfully submit the following:

1. *Resolved*, That we hail with joy the increase of enlightened Christian sentiment on this subject, as seen in the many instances of wise legislation, restricting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks, the adoption of State Constitutions, positively prohibiting the accursed traffic, the introduction into some of our public schools of lessons for the young, showing the evil effects of alcohol upon the human system, and the heroic labors of the "Women's Christian Temperance Union," and other temperance organizations in their efforts to save fallen men and remove temptation from the path of the weak.

2. *Resolved*, That we, as a Conference of Christian ministers and laymen, do pledge ourselves to do what we can to further the interests of this cause by striving to educate our people, especially the children, up to that high level of self-respect and Christian civilization which will scorn to countenance the traffic and condemn all *social* drinking customs in private families or public gatherings.

3. *Resolved*, That we will give our voices, our example and, where we see it to be wise and proper, our votes, against the manufacture, sale and use of spirituous and malt liquors, whose mission is to blight and destroy the individual, the family and the nation.

4. *Resolved*, That we cordially approve of the course pursued by the Editor of THE METHODIST PROTESTANT in writing and admitting into the columns of the Church paper articles which give no uncertain sound, but utter sentiments on this important subject worthy of the Church it represents.

JOHN M. HOLMES, *Chairman*.

N.—See page 23.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home and Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following report :

1. That the missions in the Home Department are at Atlanta, Georgia, Troy, Alabama, Ottawa, Kansas, Adrian, Michigan, and Oregon, all of which are important positions to us as a Church, and ought to be sustained. Nearly all of them are reported to be in a flourishing condition, and give promise, if aid is continued for a few years, of permanent results.

2. The letter of our missionary, Rev. F. C. Klein, supplemented by communications from the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. F. T. Tagg, and the Treasurer, Rev. C. H. Williams, furnish us the following gratifying facts concerning the Foreign Department :

(a) That we have a Mission Home in Yokohama, well located, of ample dimensions, and in every way suited to our purposes, valued at about \$12,000, upon which there remains a debt of only \$2,300.

(b) That the Mission School is in a prosperous condition, having at this time twenty-two scholars.

(c) That Misses Crittenden and Brown, assistants to Bro. Klein and wife, are well qualified to labor in the missionary field, and that all are happy and hopeful in their chosen field of labor.

(d) That Bro. Klein, in addition to the school, has extended his labors beyond the Home, and is now reaching the adult population in Bible classes and sermons, and rejoices in visible tokens of the blessing of God upon his work.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board shows that since July 1st, there has been received for all purposes only \$4,001, which we think but a small amount to be contributed by the whole Church to a work of such vital importance. Of this amount, the Steward of this Fund in the Maryland Conference reports \$1,430 to have been collected within our District, and Mrs. Dr. J. T. Murray, the President, and Mrs. O'Brien, the Corresponding Secretary, of the Maryland Branch, report that \$1,565 have been collected by the women through the auxiliary, life memberships and scholarships, during the last year. That six scholarships are supported, twelve auxiliaries have been formed since the last Conference, and there are now twenty-seven auxiliaries in operation. The Students of Western Maryland College have undertaken the support of a "Lottie Owings" Scholarship in the Mission Home in Japan.

While these facts present a most gratifying exhibit of the operations of the missionary work in the various departments thereof, your committee are of opinion, that by a proper regard for the interests of our Church and the advancement of our Lord's cause, on the part of our people in the Church, and the inspiration of a greater liberality to the financial demands of the cause—it would tend to promote the work, which has been so admirably carried on under the blessings of God, with such limited resources.

Therefore we make the following recommendations :

1. That every pastor be urgently requested to preach at least one sermon, during the year, to his congregation, presenting the interests of our missionary work. And also, that each delegate be urged to co-operate with his

pastor in pressing upon the people of his church the urgent demands of the cause.

2. That the second Sunday in June be set apart as a Children's Day, when offerings may be made to this great work of the Lord.

3. That every pastor shall use his most diligent effort to have organized in the Sabbath-schools juvenile missionary societies, with stated meetings and regular contributions.

4. That every pastor and delegate shall encourage, aid, suggest, and if necessary, take lead in the organization of auxiliaries to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Your committee are impressed with the imperative need of a larger income to the Board, to meet the increasing demands thereon, which come in the healthful growth of our work in Japan. Bro. Klein now needs an assistant in our foreign work, and if we would respond to the pressing demands of the work, and answer to the call of God, in this opening field, we must respond with a more open-handed liberality, prompted by a deep and abiding desire to advance the glory of God.

We believe our recognized agencies are sufficient, and with the aid of the pastors, in appeals to their congregations, the good management of the juvenile missionary societies, and the work of the Branch society in its auxiliaries, scholarships and mission bands, there will be a steady increase in the contributions to the cause.

We recommend 15 cents per member be assessed upon the District for the ensuing year. While this amount does not respond to the recommendations of the Board, yet we feel that stringency of the times, and other pressing claims upon the Church will not justify a larger assessment at this time.

We recommend that the President and Secretary of the Conference draft a suitable letter in response to Bro. Klein's, bidding him God speed, in his labors for the Master's cause.

Your committee are indebted to the Corresponding Secretary for information and suggestions in this report.

The General Convention has selected Rev. F. T. Tagg, one of our men, to represent this great interest before the Church, and under his energetic and efficient agency we look for an era of largely increased life and enthusiasm. We earnestly bespeak for him the sympathy and co-operation of the pastors and the people, believing that when he is given a hearing in the Conference and the local churches, he will commend himself to the Church as the right man for the place.

We recommend that the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. F. T. Tagg, and the ladies representing the Maryland Branch, address the Conference in behalf of this great interest.

JOHN D. KINZER, *Chairman*.

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O.—See page 24.

#### BOARD OF STEWARDS.

The Board of Stewards respectfully request of Conference some action looking to the despatch of their work. They have been prevented from attendance upon the sittings of Conference, by reason of the lateness of collections,



various envelopes being handed in by pastors on almost every day. They also recommend the passage of a resolution, requiring all pastors who do not anticipate being present at the opening of Conference, to send their envelopes by registered package or by express to the Conference, one day in advance of the session, in the care of the Conference Steward. It would greatly facilitate the labors of the Board, to have pastors prepare the several envelopes before arriving at Conference. They have been annoyed, and their report confused, by changes asked for, after the accounts were completed.

The collections for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society not belonging to Conference, and giving the Stewards unnecessary work to count and transmit to the proper parties, Conference is asked to direct pastors not to bring them hither, but to state instead the sum raised by the Society during the year. In regard to the collection known as Home and Foreign Missions, the Stewards ask that monies intended for the Japan Home be sent direct to the Treasurer of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions; and that the distinctions heretofore noted in these collections, such as, "For the foreign work only," be made in writing to the Secretary or Treasurer of the Board of Missions, by each pastor whose charge orders such disposition of their collection.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

P.—See page 24.

#### SUPERANNUATES.

Your Committee on the Claims of Superannuates beg leave to report the following appropriations:

James Thompson, \$350; J. K. Nichols, \$350; J. A. McFaden, \$350; W. G. Holmes, \$200; J. W. Everist, \$100; J. H. Ellegood, \$400; W. T. Dumm, \$350; H. J. Day, \$100; D. W. Bates, \$350; Mrs. F. G. Wright, \$200; Mrs. M. H. Whiteside, \$150; Mrs. T. M. Wilson, \$200; Mrs. S. G. Valiant, \$200; Mrs. John Roberts, \$400; Mrs. D. E. Reese, \$250; Mrs. J. E. Read, \$100; Mrs. Thos. Lee, \$200; Mrs. N. S. Greenaway, \$200; Mrs. D. N. Gilbert, \$250; Mrs. C. Eversole, \$200; Mrs. L. A. Collins, \$200; Mrs. T. M. Bryan, \$200; Mrs. I. T. Adkins, \$200; Mrs. W. C. Ames, \$400; Mrs. D. Bowers, \$250; Mrs. W. T. Wright, \$200; Mrs. P. L. Wilson, \$200; Mrs. C. T. Cochel, \$200; Mrs. H. E. Miskimon, \$350; Mrs. J. M. Elderdice, \$350.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. C. CUSHING, *Chairman.*

Q.—See page 23.

#### REPORT OF STEWARD OF SUPERANNUATED FUND.

##### RECEIPTS FOR 1884.

From Treasurer of Invested Fund.....	\$4,115.33
Collections from District.....	946.59
Anniversary Collection.....	27.91
Balance in hand from last year.....	118.46
Yearly subscriptions paid (Judge Hopper plan).....	31.00

\$5,239.2



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## DISBURSEMENTS.

For investment—West Baltimore.....	\$100.00	
St. James.....	75.00	
Georgetown.....	20.00	
Washington-Street .....	20.00	
9th-Street, Washington.....	15.00	
Yearly subscription.....	31.00	
		261.00

For distribution .....\$4,978.29

	<i>Claim.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>
1. James Thompson.....	\$400 00	\$274.34
2. James K. Nichols.....	350.00	240.05
3. J. A. McFaden.....	400.00	274.34
4. Wm. G. Holmes.....	250.00	171.46
5. D. F. Ewell.....	200.00	137.17
6. J. W. Everist.....	100.00	68.58
7. J. H. Ellegood.....	400.00	274.34
8. W. T. Dumm.....	400.00	274.34
9. H. J. Day.....	200.00	137.17
10. D. W. Bates.....	400 00	274.34
11. W. J. Neepier.....	350.00	240.05
12. Mrs. F. G. Wright.....	200 00	137.17
13. Mrs. M. H. Whiteside.....	150.00	102.88
14. Mrs. T. M. Wilson.....	200.00	137.17
15. Mrs. S. G. Valiant.....	150.00	102.88
16. Mrs. John Roberts.....	400 00	274.34
17. Mrs. D. E. Reese.....	250 00	171.46
18. Mrs. J. E. Read.....	100.00	68.58
19. Mrs. Thomas Lee.....	200.00	137.17
20. Mrs. N. S. Greenaway.....	200.00	137.17
21. Mrs. D. N. Gilbert.....	300.00	205 75
22. Mrs. C. Eversole.....	200.00	137.17
23. Mrs. L. A. Collins.....	200.00	137.17
24. Mrs. T. M. Bryan.....	200.00	137.17
25. Mrs. I. T. Adkins.....	200.00	137.17
26. Mrs. W. C. Ames.....	400.00	274.34
27. Mrs. D. Bowers.....	250.00	171.46
28. Mrs. W. T. Wright.....	200.00	137.17

\$4,972.40

Expenses ..... 1.50

Balance in hand..... 4.39

\$4,978.29

THOS. O. CROUSE, *Steward.*

R.—See page 18.

## REPORT OF HOME MISSIONARY STEWARD.

### RECEIPTS.

Collections from District.....	\$1,677.23
Dues at Conference.....	67.00
Balance from last year.....	3.00
	\$1,747.23

## DISBURSEMENTS.

	<i>Appropriations.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>	<i>Deficiency.</i>
Deficiencies.....	\$985.84	\$985.84	
Alexandria.....	100.00	39.50	\$60.50
Amelia.....	100.00	39.50	60.50
Broadway.....	200.00	79.00	121.00
Campbell.....	50.00	19.75	30.25
Crumpton.....	100.00	39.50	60.50
Felton.....	150.00	59.25	90.75
Harper's Ferry.....	100.00	39.50	60.50
Middleway.....	150.00	59.25	90.75
N. C. Avenue.....	300.00	118.50	181.50
Potomac.....	150.00	59.25	90.75
Salisbury.....	200.00	79.00	121.00
Snow Hill.....	100.00	39.50	60.50
Sussex.....	75.00	29.63	45.37
Wilmington.....	100.00	41.01	58.99
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		\$1,727.98	\$1,152.86
Paid Book Concern.....		9.25	
Paid Secretary for Minutes.....		10.00	
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			\$1,747.23

Per cent. 39.50

W. R. GRAHAM, *Steward.***S.**—See page 23.

## MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions, having considered the applications for appropriations referred to them by the Conference, recommend that the several missions designated in this report be granted the sums set opposite to their names, viz.: Alexandria, \$100; Amelia, \$100; Broadway, \$200; Campbell, —; Crumpton, \$100; Felton, \$150; Harper's Ferry, \$100; Middleway, \$200; Mt. Pleasant, \$108; North Carolina Avenue, \$300; Potomac, \$150; Powellsville, \$100; Salisbury, \$200; Snow Hill, \$200; Sussex, \$150; Wilmington, \$100; to pay deficit of last year, \$1,152.86; total of appropriations, \$3,302.86.

The foregoing appropriations are recommended, subject to the following conditions, viz.:

To Felton, provided a parsonage is built this year; to North Carolina Avenue and to Snow Hill, if supplied by a married minister; to Mt. Pleasant, if paid by assessment of Georgetown Station; Sussex and Powellsville, at the discretion of the President.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. MURRAY, *Chairman.***T.**—See page 24.

## PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

PRESIDENT, J. T. MURRAY, 3.

Accomac.....	H. G. Cowan, 1.
Alexandria.....	C. B. Middleton, 2.
Amelia.....	S. C. Ohlum, 1.
Anne Arundel.....	J. B. Jones, 1.
Baltimore.....	E. A. Warfield, 1.
Bedford.....	E. O. Ewing, 2.

Belair.....	T. D. Valiant, 3 ; C. H. Day, 1.
Broadway.....	H. L. Elderdice, 1.
Cambridge.....	A. A. Harryman, 1.
Campbell.....	B. F. Jester, 1.
Caroline.....	W. J. D. Lucas, 1.
Cecil.....	C. S. Arnett, 1 ; J. B. Butler, Supernumerary, 2.
Centreville.....	T. O. Crouse, 1.
Chesapeake.....	R. L. Lewis, 1.
Chestertown.....	W. R. Graham, 1.
Clayton.....	C. M. Thompson, 1.
Concord.....	S. T. Ferguson, 3 ; J. Clay, Supernumerary, 2.
Crisfield.....	J. W. Kirk, 1.
Crumpton.....	W. A. Crouse, 1.
Cumberland.....	J. G. Sullivan, 1.
Deer Park.....	S. F. Cassen, 1.
Dorchester.....	D. A. Shermer, 1.
East Baltimore.....	W. S. Hammond, 3.
Easton.....	F. T. Little, 3.
Eutaw.....	J. M. Gill, 1.
Fawn Grove.....	A. D. Dick, 2.
Felton.....	G. J. Smith, 2.
Finksburg.....	W. J. Floyd, 1.
First Church.....	S. B. Tredway, 1.
Franklin City.....	W. H. Stone, 2.
Frederick.....	E. R. McGregor, 1 ; A. Baker, Supernumerary, 16.
Georgetown.....	L. W. Bates, 1.
Hampden.....	J. L. Killgore, 1.
Harrington.....	G. Q. Bacchus, 1.
Howard.....	J. T. Lassell, 2 ; J. H. Maynard, 2.
Jefferson.....	J. M. Sheridan, 1.
Kennedyville.....	J. W. Norris, 1.
Kent Island.....	J. M. Yingling, 2.
Laurel.....	H. C. Cushing, 1.
Leipsic.....	C. M. Thompson, 1.
Liberty.....	Jesse Shreeve, 3.
Lynchburg.....	T. E. Coulbourn, 1.
Marley.....	J. R. Nichols, 1.
Middleway.....	Henry Bruner, 3.
Milton.....	J. E. Maloy, 2.
Mt. Pleasant.....	B. W. Kindley, 1 ; P. T. Hall, Supernumerary, 1.
Newark.....	J. M. Holmes, 3.
Ninth-Street.....	J. L. Mills, 3.
North Carolina Avenue.....	J. W. Trout, 2.
Oxford.....	W. J. Neeper, 1.
Pipe Creek.....	S. R. Murray, 2.
Pittsville.....	J. A. Weigand, 2.
Pocomoke.....	D. W. Anstine, 2.
Pocomoke City.....	S. A. Hoblitzell, 6.
Potomac.....	W. F. Livingston, 3.
Powellsville.....	D. F. Ewell, 1.
Preston.....	A. J. Walter, 1.
Quantico.....	J. H. Daugherty, 3.
Queen Anne's.....	F. H. Mullineaux, 2.
Rowlandville.....	R. T. Smith, 1.
St. James.....	A. W. Mather, 3.
St. Luke's.....	J. W. Gray, 1.
St. Michael's.....	S. J. Smith, 3.
Salisbury.....	J. W. Balderston, 1.
Seaford.....	J. W. Charlton, 1.
Snow Hill.....	J. L. Elderdice, 1.

Somerset.....	J. L. Straughn, 3.
South Baltimore.....	J. E. T. Ewell, 3.
Starr.....	W. M. Strayer, 1.
Stewartstown.....	J. S. Bowers, 1.
Surry.....	J. M. Brown, 2; R. W. Berryman, Supernumerary, 10.
Susquehanna.....	W. D. Litsinger, 2.
Sussex.....	J. E. Nicholson, 2.
Talbot.....	To be supplied.
Union.....	G. R. McCready, 1.
Warwick.....	A. D. Melvin, 2.
Washington Street.....	R. S. Rowe, 4.
West Baltimore.....	D. L. Greenfield, 3.
Westminster.....	J. D. Kinzer, 3.
Wilmington.....	G. F. Farring, 3.
Berkeley.....	E. R. Washington.
Charleston.....	Francis Brown.

## UNSUPPLIED.

All Saints.....	5.
Chincoteague.....	6.
Ellicott City.....	3.
Harper's Ferry.....	1.
Hull Street.....	1.
Indian River.....	4.
North East.....	3.
Williamsport.....	6.

## LOANED.

St. John's.....	J. J. Murray, 3; A. Webster, Pastor Emeritus.
W. M. College.....	J. T. Ward, President, 17; B. F. Benson, V. P., 2.
Westminster Theological Seminary.....	T. H. Lewis, President, 4.
METHODIST PROTESTANT.....	E. J. Drinkhouse, Editor, 11.
Board of Missions.....	F. T. Tagg, Corresponding Secretary, 1.
“ “.....	F. C. Klein, Missionary to Japan, 3.
Heathsville.....	W. W. White, 1.

## SUPERANNUATES.

J. W. Everist, 18; H. J. Day, 17; J. A. McFaden, 11; J. H. Ellegood, 8;  
W. T. Dumm, 7; James Thompson, 6; J. K. Nichols, 5; W. G. Holmes, 4;  
D. W. Bates, 3; S. B. Southerland, 1.

## WITHOUT APPOINTMENT AT THEIR OWN REQUEST.

C. H. Littleton, 1; W. F. Roberts, 1.

## ASSIGNED FOR DUTY.

R. S. Norris, Corresponding Secretary Maryland Tract Society, 3.  
D. Wilson, Chaplain U. S. A., 5.

## APPOINTMENTS FOR CONFERENCE, 1886.

Conference Sermon, T. H. Lewis.

Anniversary Foreign Missions (Thursday), T. O. Crouse.

“ Home Missions (Friday), A. W. Mather.

“ Superannuated Fund Society (Monday), A. D. Melvin.

## OBITUARY.

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### REV. CHARLES THEODORE COCHEL.

This faithful Christian laborer is at rest. The hands that were always finding something good to do, and doing it with all their might, have relaxed their earthly grasp, and are now restfully folded beneath the coffin-lid. His record is in heaven; but his work, done, and well done, a halo lingers along the scene of its consecrated activities. As in the case of every true toiler for God and humanity, the world is brighter and better because he lived in it. In his sphere, certainly he has added something to the sum of human happiness. The impress of a noble life is on various places where, in imitation of his Master, C. T. Cochel "went about doing good." We cannot let him die and pass from our midst, without yielding the tribute of sincere sorrow; nor can we contemplate the scenes upon which he entered, after his exit from ours, without following his ascent with congratulations of joy. Thus tearful in our bereavement, and exultant in his triumph, we gather, a Conference fraternal group, around our fellow-laborer's grave, and inscribe another monumental tablet and deck it with the immortelles of loving remembrance.

Bro. Cochel was born in Berks county, Pa., June 20th, 1838, and died at Deer Park, Garrett county, Md., July 25th, 1884. Early in life—the exact date not known to us—he was converted to God, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Subsequently becoming acquainted with the governmental structure of *our* Methodism, he gave it his preference, and was received into its communion by Rev. Thomas Lee, of blessed memory. In 1859 he made application and was welcomed at the door of the Maryland Annual Conference, and there continued unintermittingly in devoted itinerant labors until released from his work by the sovereign interposition of his God. Perhaps there are few, if any men, the ripened experience of whose maturer years is not condemnatory of sincere but misguided acts of early manhood. The days of our national civil strife, and the peace of the country that has since supervened, probably more than any other period in the present generation, afford striking illustration. So wide-spread and so intense the excitement of those days of the echoing war-trumpet, that it required, even on the part of the ministers of the Prince of Peace, the deepest sense of religious consecration, to hold the feelings and life in the calm and consistent poise of realized superior obligations consequent upon previous enlistment under the Captain of a world's salvation. Our brother, in common with many others of his sacred calling, but in far less degree than some, may have forgotten in a few instances the divinely-drawn lines of separateness between the Church and the world. But, subsequently, in kindly intercourse with those of his previous estrangements, and in singleness of devotion to his Christian ambassadorial calling, long years of ratification ensued. Nor, in all the circle of his Conference brotherhood, during the following years, were there any whom he more admired and loved, than such as had been the furthest removed in sympathy from the episodes of his earlier career; neither were there any whose respect and confidence he more fully secured. One of this very number who, perhaps, had the greatest cause of complaint, now writes: "His death to me was very sad." Then, according to our intimate knowledge of the deceased, he adds: "I am glad his obituary has fallen into such competent hands. He deserves an honorable record to his memory."

As a preacher, while forcible and effective, Bro. Cochel is hard to describe. He was of his own kind. His pulpit arrangement of Gospel truth, taking shape from his strongly marked mental individuality, was as perfectly original as can be well conceived. There was nothing like it among his Conference associates, or among his contemporaries outside of the Confer-

ence. And his pulpit mannerism, verging sometimes on an excess of even the Demosthenean definition of eloquence—"Action," "Action," "Action"—was altogether as unique as his pulpit matter. So to liken it, the tune played, though the key-note, was ever the same as in all pure pulpit echoes, had the musician's own idiosyncrasies in its variations.

An earnest preacher and a faithful pastor, he was generally successful; while, in various places, the fruits of his labors were manifest and abundant. It was the rule with him to take many sheaves of his harvesting up to Conference in the increased numbers in his annual reports.

He had eminent success in another department. "As a financier and church-builder," writes one very competent to form an estimate, "he had few equals." He was fertile in wise expedients in the one of these cases, as he was enterprising and energetic in the other. In both regards he had an established Conference reputation. As of his own selection, his mortal part is sleeping now, as one who took part in his burial well expresses it, "in the shadow of the beautiful church at Bay View, which stands as a monument of his taste, efficiency and zeal." There is an unwritten chapter in the history of that church, or rather an unwritten introduction to that history; and the time has now come to write it.

At a certain session of the Conference, Bro. Cochel came to the writer and solicited his friendly offices in the matter of the new appointment he was to receive. He said he much desired a smaller field than he had been assigned to usually, that he might have more time for study and general mental improvement; he named a place—one not ranking high—which he would be glad to take. He received for answer, that if the opportunity should be afforded, his request would be cordially complied with. The opportunity soon came, and was availed of. The President honored the writer by requesting him in company with another member of the body, to look at his plan of appointments before its reading to the Conference. In the plan Bro. Cochel was down for Cecil Circuit—a larger field than the one he was leaving—while another preacher, younger and of less general claims, was assigned to the place which Bro. Cochel desired. The writer suggested that the appointments to the two places should be reversed; arguing that Bro. Cochel, besides being the older itinerant, desired, and deserved opportunities for study, of which he had been hitherto debarred by the largeness of the circuits of his travel. The President replied, substantially, as follows: "I would willingly accept your suggestion, but we very much need a new church at Bay View, as you know; the other brother would not build it, but if Cochel goes to Cecil, the house will be erected." As soon as the President had spoken, the writer saw the point, and therefore ceased to press his motion. When all this was repeated to Bro. Cochel, the noble unselfishness of the man at once asserted itself. Yielding his own personal preferences, he said: "I will go to Cecil." He was appointed. Three months thereafter the corner-stone of the church was laid, and in one year from that time the new "Shelemiah," a gem among all the churches in that section, was finished, paid for, and dedicated. To those who knew our former condition at that locality, in respect to house, congregation and membership, our present status in all these regards cannot fail to challenge admiration for the name of COCHEL.

Our lamented brother's health began to fail soon after assuming the duties of his last charge: First Church, Washington, D. C. He had been most cordially received, and was making a fine impression; people of neighboring churches joining those of his own in flocking to hear him; and in all respects the outlook for a pastorate of great usefulness was most promising, when suddenly he had to cease from his loved labors. "In great weakness and suffering," says one of the brethren, "he preached his last sermon." A text more suitable as a valedictory from a weary, worn-out preacher, though little so intended, could not have been selected. It was Psalm lxi. 2—"Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I." In closing, he turned to Bro. Trout, who was with him in the pulpit, and said: "Say something, for I can say no more."

The next week he left Washington for a sojourn with old friends in the

healthy localities of Carroll and Frederick ; but realizing no improvement, he made another struggle for restored vigor by going up to the pure air and inspiring scenery of Deer Park. That move, likewise, proved unavailing. He grew worse. Skillful physicians correctly diagnosed his case, but in its treatment they were baffled. Being informed that his end was near, he received the intelligence with perfect composure and resignation ; made all the arrangements for his burial ; was calm and trustful, and conscious almost to the last. Thus he died ; rather was translated. Autopsy revealed cancerous deposits and ulceration in liver and stomach.

Memorial rites were observed in First Church, Washington, Sunday, July 27th. Rev. J. L. Mills, D. D., Rev. F. T. Tagg and Rev. J. W. Trout, of our own Church, made tributary addresses ; Rev. Dr. France and Rev. Mr. Hayghe, of the M. E. Church, participating in the services. On Monday, the remains, attended by the bereaved family and Dr. Mills, were conveyed to Bay View ; Dr. Shermer and a number of friends joining the funeral cortege at North East. Although the notice of the sad coming was of limited circulation, yet the large gathering at the Bay View Church was an indication of the esteem entertained for the dead minister. Dr. Shermer, who was to have preached the sermon, being incapacitated by recent illness for more than appropriate supplementary remarks, Dr. Mills became the preacher—speaking from II. Timothy iv. 6-8. Then, *all* that was dead of our brother—all that *could* die—had Christian sepulture by gentle hands and loving hearts. His epitaph : Twenty-four years of itinerant ministerial toil. His monument : The beautiful edifice which casts both its shadows and its lustre on his grave.

A widow, one daughter and three sons appeal to the sympathies and prayers of the Church.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND,  
Chairman Obituary Committee.

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#### REV. JAMES MARTIN ELDERDICE

Was born in Frederick county, Md., October 14, 1817, and departed this life, in blessed hope of a blissful immortality, October 5th, 1884, wanting only ten days of being 67 years of age. Of the time and circumstances of his conversion and early church connections, we have no information. In the spring of 1840 he was received into the Maryland Annual Conference and appointed to Baltimore Circuit, with Rev. Eli Henkle, and from that time till the year of his death (with one single exception—1843—when he was left without appointment at his own request), year after year, for forty-four years, at each recurring Conference, he regularly reported himself for duty, always taking the work assigned him without parley or apparent dissatisfaction. In this respect Bro. Elderdice was a *model* itinerant. No embarrassment to the executive in making out the plan of appointments ever occurred from his insisting upon a given appointment, or refusing to take the one offered him. His uniform and ready acquiescence in the will of the appointing power, might have been regarded by some as wanting in Christian manhood, but with him it was a *principle*, and he conscientiously carried it out through life. A President once rallying him on this point, said to him, "If I were to send you to the North Pole, I suppose you would go, would you not?" He replied with a tremulous voice, while the tear-drop glistened in his eye: "I would go as far as I could, and when I could go no farther I would have to stop." That was the man. He never sought position, and never complained of a want of appreciation on the part of his brethren. But to work for Christ and the advancement of His kingdom, to save souls and build up the Methodist Protestant Church, was the element of his being and the glory of his consecrated life. With the apostle, he determined to know nothing among men save Jesus Christ and Him crucified ; neither counted he his life dear unto himself, so that he might finish his course with joy, and the ministry, which he had received, to testify of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. And well did he execute that purpose throughout his long ministerial life ; and he could well say, as he did, with all confidence, upon his death-bed : "There is no more



for me to do upon earth—my work is finished.” And it was so. His forty-three years of itinerant toil were expended upon about half that number of fields of labor, he generally remaining the full constitutional term, and on two circuits he was twice appointed, and on one for the third time. He was highly esteemed by the churches wherever he labored, and he never failed to do well for those for whom he toiled. As a preacher, he was simple, plain and direct in his manner. His sermons were full of thought, and gave evidence of being carefully prepared, and were rather exhaustive than otherwise in their character. He never preached from *themes*; but, taking his text, his effort was to bring out of it what was in it, and he seldom failed to accomplish his purpose. He was a man of studious habits, and with only a common school education in the outset of his ministry, he had made most respectable attainments, especially in connection with his high calling as a minister, being able, it is said, readily to consult the Holy Scriptures in their original tongues. But his excessive modesty led him always to underrate himself and his performances. In illustration of this, it is said, that after preaching the Conference sermon, by executive appointment, at Starr Church, Baltimore, in March, 1866, while others were speaking of the effort in terms of high appreciation, he sat on the pulpit steps weeping with mortification, feeling as though he had failed to measure up to the dignity and importance of the occasion. With the highest ideals of a grand Christian manhood, he was as simple and unassuming in his manners and deportment as a little child; and only those who knew him intimately could know his worth, and appreciate his noble character. His industry was a marked characteristic of his life. One who had the best opportunities of knowing him in this respect, has well said: “I never knew him to spend a lazy hour in his life. He had no time to lounge in stores or on the streets. He was always busy from early morning—often from before light—until the day ended. Like Carlyle, he believed thoroughly in ‘the gospel of work.’ Whatsoever his hand found to do, he did it with his might. And in the close of his busy life he could say, with St. Paul, ‘I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day.’” To the liberalism of the age he might have seemed Puritanical, but his religion was not one of gloom and melancholy. On the contrary, his heart was full of cheerfulness, and his very countenance shone with the light of heaven. Duty, however, was his watchword, and conscientiously did he endeavor to fulfill the obligations of life in all its varied relations, and nowhere more faithfully than at the domestic hearthstone. His son, Rev. J. L., whose judicious suggestions have been liberally availed of in this paper, says of him in this respect: “It was this silent, constant, every-day life that preached so eloquently in the privacy of the family circle, that more, perhaps, than all things else influenced his two sons to be pious, and to enter the ministry.” And what an example has he left to prompt them to duty and faithfulness in their high and sacred calling! His death was a beautiful instance of blessed triumph over the *last enemy*. “On Saturday, the day before he died,” says his son, Rev. H. L., “Rev. Wm. G. Holmes came to see him. Father placed his hand upon his arm and said: ‘One of my good old faithful friends—brother beloved.’ In the course of conversation he said to him: ‘I am content, either to live or die. For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.’ The last hymn he quoted was, ‘Jesus, lover of my soul,’ after each verse saying, Amen, Amen! In his weakness, struggling for breath, the last words of the Bible I heard him quote were: “Oh, that I had wings like a dove, for then would I fly away and be at rest.”” He then adds, “To me the time of his death was beautifully appropriate, and, I like to think, providential. The Sunday before he died he said: ‘How pleasant to die on this holy day, just in sight of the church, while the children are going to Sunday school—*our* Sunday-school.’ When the next Sabbath came he died at 10.30 A. M., and thus, just at the hour he had entered the pulpit for many years, he entered heaven. And if I ever reach that place



it will be because of his influence, which has, unconsciously to me, been turning and directing the current of my life." Beautiful testimonies these, from his noble sons now treading in his footsteps, alike in the sacred ministry as in the Christian life. Bro. Elderdice was married three times. His first wife was a Miss Breckenridge, and of that marriage one son, a practicing physician in Adams county, Pa., survives him. His second wife was a Miss Hefflefinger, the mother of his two sons, Revs. J. L. and H. L., of the Maryland Annual Conference. His last wife was Miss Eunity Verdin, who survives him—left in her widowhood with the care of three small children—pledges of their mutual love. May the great Shepherd of Israel be gracious to the widow, and carry the dear lambs in His own bosom. Of his funeral, and the place of his burial, the committee have no information; but he rests from his labors, and his works do follow him.

The following tribute to his memory is taken from *THE METHODIST PROTESTANT*, as a befitting close to this paper: "The death of Rev. James M. Elderdice was briefly noted in the last number of *THE PROTESTANT*. He was one of the few that connect the present generation of preachers with the Reeses, Stier, Isaac Webster, Varden, Stockton, Rutledge, Collier, and others of the old men that have passed away. No truer man ever stood in the ranks of our ministry. Studious, well-informed, but modest and retiring; firm, but gentle, patient and meek; laborious, persevering, unselfish; an able and faithful expounder of the Divine Word; 'a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost,' he went quietly on his way, doing good, as he had opportunity, to all men. Accustomed to hard work and small pay, he derived consolation and support from his faith in the living God, whom he reverently served, and whose sufficient grace made the last conflict an easy triumph as he passed out of the shadows of time into the brightness of eternal day. Of none that we have known could we affirm with more confidence that he has heard the words of approval: 'Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'"

J. K. NICHOLS,

Chairman Obituary Committee.

#### REV. ARTHUR DANIEL MURRAY

Was born in Georgetown, D. C., November 17th, 1856. He was the youngest son of Rev. J. J. Murray, of St. John's Church, Baltimore. At about eight years of age he made a profession of religion, and united with the Methodist Protestant Church at Centreville, Md., where his mother had been a member from her girlhood, and of which his grandfather, Dr. John D. Emory—who was honored with an obituary in the Minutes of the Maryland Conference—was one of the original members. In 1865 Bro. Murray removed to Baltimore, and became a member of W. Baltimore Station, where he continued to hold his membership until he became an itinerant minister in the Maryland Annual Conference. Even as a child, his piety and intelligence were marked, and engaged him in efforts for the conversion of his associates. Later on, but while he was not yet more than twelve or thirteen years of age, he sought the conversion of some of his friends at Hampden Woods Camp-Meeting. About this time also he graduated from the public schools, and entered the Baltimore City College. He graduated from the college in 1873, delivering the salutatory oration, and receiving the highest grade Peabody honor of \$100. He excelled in all his school life, the first scholar in the graduating class in the public school, and, by common consent, one of the first in the college. The highest grade at the college for four years was 96 and a fraction; the grade of Bro. Murray was 94.6. He was specially apt in the languages and mathematics. After his graduation he removed to Pittsburgh, and was entered, after due examination, as a student of law. At the same time he accepted a position in the Book Concern with Rev. James Robison. But confinement during the day and study at night affected his health unfavorably, and he was obliged to relinquish his place. He now entered the office of Mr. Campbell, a member of the Pittsburgh bar,

where he gave his undivided attention to his legal studies, until he had nearly completed the term of three years, required by the law of Pennsylvania. Then, with the prize for which he had so steadily toiled almost within his grasp, he abandoned the law, yielded to his convictions, that *God* had called him, and began to prepare for the ministry. At this time the Y. M. C. A. called for men to hold gospel meetings; pastors also called for these men. Bro. Murray went beyond the mere inspiration which the occasion might offer, prepared his Bible readings, themes, and outlines of talk, and actually preached without being conscious of it. The work grew on him until his conscience told him the ministry, and not the law, was to be his life-work. An incident occurred at this time which illustrates his conscientiousness. One day as he listened to Mr. Marshall, Pittsburgh's eminent lawyer, plead, he arose in the midst of one of the most eloquent passages in the speech and left the house. He told his brother, "I knew if I had stayed there the temptation would have been too strong for me—I would enter the bar. I have never been in court since." When asked why he did not continue the law until admitted to the bar, as that would not have interfered with his ministry, he replied: "I wanted no reminder of the law, for there was in it too great a fascination for me." He now entered the Western Theological Seminary, where he remained for a year; but his desire to engage as soon as possible in the work of the ministry, together with a hope that his impaired health might be restored by the change and exercise of circuit work, induced him to enter the itinerancy at once. In the fall of 1878 he was appointed to Eutaw Station. He served this church with great proficiency and acceptability, and was revered and loved by those people as one of the most conscientious and faithful men God had ever sent among them. In 1880 he was sent to Frederick Circuit as associate pastor. He served Broadway in 1881 and 1882. In the spring of 1883 he was left without an appointment on account of his declining health, but in September of that year he was appointed associate pastor at Georgetown, D. C., where he remained until God appointed him to take his place among the blessed who die in the Lord. In the families where he made his home during his ministry, and where the close relations of social life brought him under daily scrutiny, his warmest friends, his most sorrowful mourners, to-day are found. He stood the test of intimacy as few have been able to do, and he was not long a member of any household before he won his way to the hearts of all. It was his pure spirit, his blameless conversation, his sterling manliness, his sympathy and solicitude for those about him, his earnestness of purpose and devotion to his work—all this marked him as a man who had the spirit of Christ, and those beholding it loved him. It is not a matter of wonder that those who knew him best, say, "that they never knew a more consistent Christian man; or that his father, in the tenderness of his bereaved heart, should say, "I loved him, trusted him, and admired him. He was worthy of all the love and confidence I ever gave him." His last associate in the ministry most cordially and cheerfully endorses his father's estimate of him. He preached as if every sermon was the last message God would permit him to utter in the world, and yet he expected and desired to live, not for the pleasure of living, but for the glory of God. He wanted to *live to do good*. The announcement that death was near did not startle him. He said: "I am not alarmed. I have hope in the mercy of God." His last intelligible words were, in reply to the expressed fear that the end had come, "I am not conscious of it. It does not disturb me." In his diary, February 11th, 1879, he wrote: "I am gloomy to-day. I am a living dead man. I do not always realize this, but when, as to-day, I am not so well, it makes me think of it. I do not wish to die, but sometimes I half wish that I was dead. It's cowardice, I know, though I cannot make myself fear death. Perhaps, if on the very threshold of it, I would be alarmed; though, if my religion is more than a profession, I do not see any cause for alarm. But it is the thought of dying before I have done anything—my life a failure. And, perhaps, more than this is the thought of a slow wasting away—a season of invalidity, when I shall be but a helpless, burdensome thing. But it has not yet come, and

why should I take thought for the morrow? 'Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.' 'As thy day, so thy strength.' O Lord, give me more confidence in Thee; more obedience to Thy word." The next day he wrote: "To-day I feel better, and ever so much brighter. Felt like singing when I got up, and feel but little like a dead man to-day. Last night we had a good time singing, and to-day I feel more like work and fun." Such was the life and death of this young man, whose intelligence, experience, and especially his piety, would honor and ennoble a man of three times his years. His sermons were prepared with great care and labor. They always bore the marks of study, scholarship and originality. His first object was to get at the real meaning of Scripture, and then to present it so as to make his hearers think and feel their responsibility to God. He never indulged in those fine sentences so common among young men, which are intended rather to please the ear than to move the heart; he was too profoundly in earnest for that. While he always clothed his thoughts in language that was chaste, correct, and beautiful, it was done in a way that indicated the ripeness and thoroughness of his intellectual training, and the purity and holiness of his spiritual life. He engaged much in prayer, and when in the public service he supplicated the throne of Grace, his hearers were deeply impressed with the fact that he was well acquainted with God. Such humility and reverence, such submissiveness and filial devotion, ran through them all, that no one could hear him without feeling that he was very close to God. Such a man is a great loss to the Church when he is taken away, and many friends outside of his kindred and relationship feel the keenness of the bereavement. But blessed is the Church that has such treasures in the kingdom of heaven, and blessed the Conference that may anticipate a union with such sainted ones, as one by one they pass beyond the river. God took him November 17th, 1884, only a few days after he had asked a release from his work, and before the President had time to grant it, so that he almost literally died in the harness, and on his feet.

F. T. TAGG,

Chairman Obituary Committee.

#### REV. HENRY EDWARD MISKIMON

Was born in Harford county, Maryland, April 15th, 1845, died February 12th, 1885 at the residence of his father-in-law, Thos. W. Beale, in Harper's Ferry, W. Va. Bro. Miskimon attended church when a boy at Deer Creek appointment, and sat under the ministry of the writer twenty-seven years ago. He was then receiving his education at the Belair Academy, an institution of some note. He was received by the Maryland Annual Conference in March, 1866, and appointed as assistant on Newtown Circuit, with Bro. Shreeve. At this time he was timid and needed encouragement. Bro. Shreeve writes, that at this time he was very conscientious and faithful in all his duties. His next appointment was to Talbot Circuit. At the end of this year he was passed to orders, and was stationed at Kennedyville. His subsequent charges were Harper's Ferry, Ellicott City, Salisbury, Seaford, and, by loan to the Virginia Conference, was appointed to Heathsville, Va. After four years of faithful service on this charge, his health failed. After preaching twice on the 14th of December, and riding 25 miles, he suffered the next day with severe hemorrhages, and was never able to leave his bed after that. On Christmas Day his sorrowing wife, anxious to get him to her father's in Harper's Ferry, took him from bed and started home, reaching there the following day. Bro. Beale writes, that from about two weeks before he died his sufferings were intense. The mind, however, was stayed on Christ, and his heart rejoiced in his Redeemer. The brethren of the church visited him, and held prayer-meetings in his room. Bro. Beale says the seasons were such as to be truly "Heaven on earth begun." He was very happy, notwithstanding his great sufferings. His record in the charges he has served is such as might satisfy any zealous minister of Christ. Bro. E. L. Williams, of Salisbury, writes: "That of Bro. Miskimon, with whom I was associated for two years as steward and neighbor, I can say that he was a man of most excellent qualities. A fair preacher and excellent

pastor; at the front in all church work; a constant attendant at the Sunday-school, class and prayer-meetings; in a word, he was decidedly a spiritual man. He sought out the sick, and oftentimes insisted on taking part in the night watches by their bedside. Nor did he confine himself to his own congregation in these ministrations. He was one of the few men I have known who had grace enough to do good for evil, and when he was reviled, reviled not again. There are a number of faithful members in Salisbury, who regard him as their spiritual father, and many in the community who speak of his virtues to this day. Much sympathy was felt for him and his family during his illness, and many prayers were offered in his behalf." When at Seaford, Bro. T. A. Moore spoke to me, as the President of the Conference, about Bro. Miskimon, as a very true and faithful man. Dr. H. W. Harding, of Heathsville, writes: "The duty you impose in writing about Bro. Miskimon, is a sad one. Still, I cheerfully comply, inasmuch as it is ever a pleasure to speak of those who have so lived as to merit the confidence and love of men. In a pre-eminent degree may this be said of our Bro. Miskimon. All—godly and ungodly—saw in him the beauty and power of religion constantly demonstrated. Meek, sympathetic, gentle, discreet, he moved among men, ever gaining their affection, conciliating prejudice and making men better and happier. Universally popular; indefatigable in his efforts to lead men to Christ. His success in steadily increasing the material and spiritual interest of the Church was assured. The sad news of his death cast a gloom over the entire community." He concludes this very excellent letter, by saying: "The sentiment everywhere is, that the Great Head of the Church may send as his successor as effective a preacher, such a pastor, and one possessed of like tact and adaptation."

Bro. Miskimon was married to Ella Murray Beale, January 2d, 1873. There are three sons, aged 5, 8 and 11 years. To these our tenderest sympathies are extended, and our heartiest prayers, that God may succor and sustain them in this hour of their sorest trial, and so direct their steps and open their path as to secure to them the richest blessings of His grace, and the protection of a Father's love. "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

T. D. VALIANT,  
Chairman Obituary Committee.

#### ANNIE A. JONES,

Daughter of James Follin, Esq., was born at "Hickory Vale" Farm, near the "Great Falls," in Fairfax county, Va., March 3d, 1847; married Rev. J. B. Jones, of the Maryland Annual Conference, September 9th, 1869; passed into the spirit world from the M. P. Parsonage in Laurel, Del., August 4th, 1884, and on the sixth of the same month the Rev. R. L. Lewis, then stationed in Seaford, Del., preached in the M. P. Church an appropriate funeral sermon from I. Cor. xv. 57, to a large concourse of sorrowing friends and sympathizing people. Revs. J. E. Nicholson, from Seaford, J. L. Straughn, from Crisfield, and J. A. Weigand, from Pittsville, were present and took part in the solemn obsequies; and then the coffin-lid was shut down upon that sweet face—beautiful even in death—and all that was mortal of the wife of the wrecked and ruined itinerant was laid in the silent grave, among the quiet sleepers of Laurel M. P. Cemetery. Five weeping children followed to the grave—two were left at the parsonage, too small to comprehend their great loss. The dear little girl, Sallie May, has since gone to its ma. Then, hand in hand, with tear stained faces and quivering lips, the little ones returned motherless to a home from which the "shadows will be lifted, ah! never more." And now, the lonely man—"alone, yet not alone, for Thou Father art with me"—gives to his little boy, James Arthur (he bears her father's and her brother's name; she named him), who is too young to remember his mother, this transcript of the picture which has been ever before him, and which he now sadly, fondly, reverently, and with a refining, purifying effect, gazes upon through his tears, of his beloved Annie, beautiful in form and features, sweet and amiable in disposition, gentle and dignified in manner, noble in mind, pure and truthful in heart, and her "life is hid with Christ in God."

## SERMON:

DELIVERED BY APPOINTMENT BEFORE THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE, AT ITS FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION, IN ALEXANDRIA, VA.,  
APRIL 1, 1885, BY REV. JOHN D. KINZER.

II. TIMOTHY II. 8, 9: "Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead, according to my Gospel: wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil-doer, even unto bonds; but the Word of God is not bound."

Paul, "a chosen vessel unto the Lord, to bear His name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel," is a pre-eminent example of devotion to the interests of the kingdom of God. His splendid intellectual endowments, intelligent, fervent piety, sublime faith, and moral heroism, made him a conspicuous leader in the Church. In the language of our text we have one of those felicitous turns of thought and expression, which reveal to us the wealth of resources of the true child of God, in the midst of the vicissitudes of this life. Persecuted, "in stripes above measure," in ship-wreck, in bonds, everywhere, he discloses to us a serenity of spirit, and resources of comfort, hope, and triumph, that are the admiration of the ages, and the very ideal of a robust Christian manhood. In bonds as an evil-doer, he has the consciousness of the approval of God, and rejoices that the Word of God is not bound. Waiting for death, but exulting in the faith that the Word of God shall endure forever.

Standing at the very beginning of Christian history, with a varied experience, disclosed to us fully in the Acts of the Apostles, and in his own Epistles; and marked by strong convictions, bold affirmations, vehement feeling, unfaltering faith, and dauntless courage, his life of ceaseless activity, becomes a blazed pathway through this wilderness of overshadowing mysteries and conflicting influences. But Paul was not alone the heroic and successful laborer in the vineyard of the Lord, whose example is worthy of our imitation, but he was also the divinely appointed and qualified teacher, instructing Timothy, his son in the Gospel, in the secret of this new life, so full of comfort and enjoyment to himself; and so fruitful in good to others. He taught, not only by the reflected light of his illustrious life, but "a dispensation of the Gospel was entrusted to him."

The very highest product of the Gospel in the individual life is the spirit of Evangelism—the spirit that hastens to proclaim the good news—to propagate the Gospel among the nations of the earth. Paul is the great exemplar of this spirit in Apostolic days. He "counted not life dear unto himself, so that he might finish his course with joy, and the ministry which he had received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the Gospel of the grace of God." His was a life lifted up into lively sympathy with Him "who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." We are learning more thoroughly every year, and the church in all her borders is apprehending more clearly, in this nineteenth century, when the spirit of missions is abroad, that not simply to receive, and appropriate to our own

souls the grace and truth of the Gospel, is the end of Christian life, but to communicate—to give freely, as we have freely received—carry out to “the regions beyond” the joyful message of salvation, is the obligation resting upon every subject of Divine grace. Not to sit at the feet of the Master, and selfishly enjoy all the blessed influence of that holy presence, but to go out and show the benefits we have received, and tell the story of His grace and power. Not to count ourselves the centre of God’s universe for whose benefit the sun, and moon and stars, rise and shine; but to become ourselves stars, swinging in our own orbits, luminous in the rays of the Sun of Righteousness—shining upon those who “sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death.” Let us endeavor to rise to the altitude of this life of Evangelism, and comprehend its sources, and, if possible, catch its spirit.

I. What are the sources of such a life? Its inspiration is not found in any of the common sources of knowledge and power open to us in this world. Nor is it found in the conventional and formal observance of the rules and ordinances of the church. It is manifest that such a spirit is not general among the members of the church; nor do we find it in equal degree in the ranks of the ministry. Such a life cannot grow in shallow soil. A life of Pauline faith, love, and zeal for the spiritual welfare of men must take hold of the deep things of God—the sure ground of fundamental truth. And not mere opinions about these things, quickly formed and loosely held, but convictions, deep-rooted, grasping, as with hooks of steel, the eternal verities of our holy religion—convictions that have been wrought in our minds as we have studied God’s Word, and waited in His presence for light upon our pathway. These are the solid timbers upon which the temple of God among men is built: and these are the bone and sinew, upon which, alone, the life and beauty of Christian manhood appear.

Paul would have Timothy “Remember Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, raised from the dead according to my Gospel.” To Paul, as a Jew—a Hebrew of the Hebrews—fully instructed in the Law and the Prophets, these were the lines of Christian evidences—of unquestioned proof. And to Timothy, who, “from a child had known the Holy Scriptures,” this backward glance to the “seed of David” was equally conclusive. Here, in the review of these historical facts, Paul found certitude—the solid ground on which his life of faith and toil was built. Timothy needed to remember these things, and there is need that the Timothys of every age should “Walk about Zion, . . . tell the towers thereof, . . . mark well her bulwarks, that they may tell it to the generations following.” Paul’s counsels here, doubtless, grew out of his own experience. Though so splendidly endowed, and rich in Christian experience, he was but a man, subject to like temptations with ourselves. This backward glance of the apostle is very suggestive. He remembered, how, in his own career, sometimes the violence of the opposition, had overpowered him, cut him off from all human sympathy and support, and cast him into prison where he found comfort only in his faith. And now, in his Roman captivity—longing to see his friends, to confirm the churches in the faith, and proclaim in other lands the message of salvation, he remains a prisoner—subject to a capricious power, which may speedily lead him out to martyrdom. Paul would have been more than a man, if he



had not looked back to the ground of his confidence and hope. He would need to reassure his heart that all was well; that his hope was well founded, and that "he had kept the faith." And such hours of trial will come to every diligent, hopeful toiler in God's vineyard. It will not be, perhaps, in the midst of active life, when under the momentum of a successful career—not when the way to new and inviting fields of labor is open to him, and the Word of God has free course among the people; but in the days when bounds are upon him—in the days of enforced inactivity, when active life is largely behind him, and the present duty is to wait and endure. Then memory will be active, and by re-examination of the grounds of his faith, he will gather courage and hope for the future.

1. "Of the seed of David." This was a recognition of many prophecies. The thought of the Messiah was not a new one, bursting upon the world, in the song of the angels upon the plains of Bethlehem. God spoke through Moses and the Prophets in many successive generations, as well as in these last days by His Son. And all Scripture is a unit in essential doctrine. The gracious promise of the Saviour of the world, was the inspiration of all prophecies—the key-note of all the songs of Zion. This was the one note of joy that sounded through all the generations—from the gates of Eden, until John, on the banks of the Jordan, said, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." These prophecies in many ages, pointed as by one common voice to One who was of the seed of David, born in Bethlehem of Judea. This was God's voice in the Old Testament, understood by every devout Jew, and must find its fulfillment in the coming of the true Messiah. And therefore to Timothy, and to us as well, it is not without reason that Paul says, "Remember Jesus Christ, of the seed of David."

2. "Raised from the dead, according to my Gospel." "If Christ be not risen then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." Surely no one can study the revelation God has given us, without realizing how everything of human salvation is suspended upon the resurrection of Christ from the dead. How, in the last appeal of agonizing human spirits, as they search for the solid ground of truth for themselves, and their loved ones, they turn to the indisputable historical fact of an empty sepulchre, and hear the angel say, "He is not here: He is risen." Doubtless because of the importance of this miracle of miracles, God has ordered that the evidence should be varied and multiform—from friend and foe, in so many different places—from the lonely faithful watcher, and from the multitude, continuing through forty days, that there might not be the shadow of a doubt of this basal truth of our holy religion. It was in this rich ground of Gospel truth—in these indisputable historical facts that the roots of Timothy's life were to find nourishment and strength. Behind Paul's life of ceaseless toil and suffering, were these grand truths, assuring his heart—lifting him above the region of doubt and uncertainty, into a sublime faith and devotion, in which "to live was Christ and to die was gain"—in which it was the chief joy of his life, to publish this Gospel to the children of men; and "the smile of the Lord was the feast of his soul." And every one, to-day, who would stand unmoved by persecution, and spotless in the midst of the insidious influences of the world, must find inspiration and strength in these palpable facts of revelation. But

Paul had not only grasped these conclusive facts, but he "had been caught up to the third heavens, and heard unspeakable words." He had a heart-experience of the grace and truth of the Gospel, lifting him up into lively sympathy with all the plans and purposes of his risen Lord. These lines of thought—a clear apprehension of the historical basis of Christianity, and a conscious, happy experience of the saving grace of God, lie inevitably in the way of every life that is beautiful in the graces of the Gospel, and fruitful in deeds of benevolence and righteousness.

To-day, more than ever in the past, is there demand for a cultured ministry. And in all churches there is effort to meet this demand in college and seminary training—endeavoring, so far as possible, in the development and culture of the mind, and in the communication of knowledge to qualify young men for the ministry of the Gospel of the grace of God. But colleges and seminaries cannot make ministers—cannot put into them the spirit of evangelism. God calls to this holy office; and He only, in His own way, can fully qualify and empower His own chosen instruments. In no department of life have the words of inspiration such forcible application—"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." The preparation of the heart is of the Lord. Only those who have "dugged deep and laid the foundation upon the rock," who have convictions burnt in upon their souls, which are held to be more precious than life—who grasp the unseen and eternal things of God, and in the exalted privileges of heart-communion, bathe their spirits in the very atmosphere of heaven, are fully qualified for this great work. This is only accomplished by the blessed Spirit of God in the hearts of His children. Built upon the immovable foundation of historical facts and rooted in the certainties of conscious Christian experience, we are prepared to turn our faces confidently to the difficulties, but certain triumphs, of earnest aggressive work for God.

II. We come inevitably to the sorrowful recognition of the limitations to which we are subject. The human instrument bound—"in bonds as an evil-doer." God honors men in making them fellow-laborers with Himself. "Angels are ministering spirits sent forth to minister to those who shall be the heirs of salvation;" but we understand very imperfectly the extent of their mission or the nature of their ministry. The Holy Spirit is in the world carrying forward the work of the kingdom of God in His own inscrutable way—"Convincing the world of sin, of righteousness and of the judgment to come;" and bringing to the remembrance of God's children "all things whatsoever He has commanded." But of the human ministry only can we take cognizance—that ministry in which we have a part. Ye are laborers together with God. This partnership, graciously conferred upon us, is the guarantee of our success, as well as the source of our honor and blessing. To us are given the treasures of the kingdom of heaven, that we may communicate them to others, and learn for ourselves the high lesson that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." And this work is to be done under the influence of a large faith—not only a faith that brings the joy of personal salvation, but a faith that compasses the wonderful plan of redemption, and brings assurance that the time will come, when, with shouts of victory, on earth and in heaven, the glorious truth shall be acknowledged, "That the



kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ." But we have this treasure in earthen vessels—of limited capacity—that may be broken. Paul, the apostle, in bonds as an evil-doer; and not only in the bonds of Roman captivity, but coming rapidly into the bonds of age. Though exulting in the thought that "the inner-man is renewed, day by day," he could not forget that the outward man perishes. At the very best how imperfect our work and ministry! What limitations upon our power! How narrow the circle of our knowledge! How crippled by the perversions—the moral obliquities of our years in sin! And how soon do bonds of age and disease come to us all. O let the days of our liberty and manhood be full of toil, redeeming the time from sloth and worldly diversions, that when bonds come there may be, with us, no fruitless repinings, but a joyful looking for the recompense of reward. The fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live forever? With what peculiar sorrow do we realize, to-day, the bonds, and limitations of this human ministry! Four of our brethren in the ministry have, since we last met, finished their work among us. In our Conference greetings we miss them, and tearfully, and in subdued tones, we recount their virtues, and cherish their memories. Bro. Elderdice was one of the fathers among us; but honored and loved by his brethren as much for his character as for his years. Illustrating in his life and work, in a rare degree, the principles of the true minister of the Gospel; and possessing a high order of talent, he was always modest, and unassuming. He was meek, laborious, faithful, and, through nearly forty-five years, he went in and out among us, in all the toils of an itinerant life. He went from the midst of the active labors of the pastorate to the reward of the faithful. And while the dew of youth was yet upon his brow, the saintly spirit of Bro. Arthur Murray was released from the bonds of disease. His cultured mind and chastened spirit, his unfaltering faith and flaming zeal, his humility and fidelity seemed, to our limited vision, to make him just the man we need, and the type of man the church will always need, to carry forward her enterprises for the salvation of the world. But his work is done. He is taken away just when we thought we needed him most. "It is the Lord; let him do what seemeth Him good." And our beloved brethren, Cochel and Miskimon, have, in the midst of their years, in the prime of their manhood, ceased from their labors, and entered into rest. With no sign of age, or disease when we last met, but with promise of many years of active ministry before them, they have been suddenly called to their reward. And in the pews we have the same sorrowful fact impressed upon us. Tender memories crowd upon us when we think of the human instrumentalities God has employed in the past. We sorrow for the departure of these honored ones in the ministry and among the laity, but our tears do not blind us to the glorious inheritance upon which they have entered; nor to the ultimate triumph which awaits the Church of God in the earth. The work has not ceased. The cause does not fail. The workmen die, but the work goes on. As the line of a well disciplined army ever keeps a solid front of steel to the foe, so the Captain of this militant host ever enlists and qualifies men for the advancement of His cause. If Elijah mounts, in the chariot of fire, to heaven, Elisha is there to catch his falling mantle, and carry forward the

well-begun work. If Paul the aged goes through the fires of martyrdom to receive the "crown of righteousness," Timothy in a distant city, full of the spirit of his father in the Gospel, continues the work among the nations. God is in the church, arming his feeble instruments with divine power. He will not be weary of the work. His patience is infinite. He sees the end now, as he saw it in the beginning, and He will call and qualify laborers, according to his own purposes of grace and salvation. And with the consciousness that bonds are upon us—that we are subject to limitations of knowledge and power, and that the time of active labor is short, we are not without confidence and hope; for

III. The Word of God is not bound. This was the ground of the apostle's confidence. His faith assured him that God would accomplish his purposes of grace and salvation in his own appointed way. In this word was the seed of the kingdom. In it were wrapped up the potencies of divine wisdom, power and love, that all the armies of Rome could not bind or suppress. Normally and consistently among men, the word is the expression of the life. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." A man is judged to be truthful or false, pure or impure, righteous or wicked, by his words; and we quickly learn how much importance to attach to the uttered word. And it is not alone the moral qualities of men we judge in this way, but also the knowledge and wisdom of him who speaks. As the man is, so is his word. God's Word is the expression of His nature. It is the revelation of His wisdom, love and power. The WORD is the peculiar title of Him who came to reveal the Father—to manifest in the flesh, in human form, the grace and truth of God. "In Him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." And in that life upon the plane of common humanity there were outgoings of love and power, which are an earnest of the unlimited conquests to which prophecy points, and upon which Paul seized in his extremity of privation and bondage. Man's word formulated into institutions and governments, into plans and methods of work, may be met by man's plans and power and overthrown; but God's Word is invincible. Divine energy is in it, omnipotence is behind it, and no human power in the world can withstand the agencies He has established. "It is quick and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." It is the Gospel good news from a far country, which cannot be kept back from those who long and cry for the tidings of peace and salvation. It is the one balm for the wounded, suffering, dying race, and all the power of God is wielded to apply the balm to the hearts of the children of men.

1. The Word of God has not been bound in the past. Paul's exultation was not a vain boast. He knew the power of the Word. He had felt it in his own experience. He had been convinced, conquered by it. He had felt all its elevating and sanctifying power. He had seen its power over human hearts in his own ministry. Men under its influence had forsaken their ancestral altars, and bowed at the cross. The most splendid temples of idolatry were forsaken, desolate, while throngs hung upon his own ministry, as

thirsty travelers seek the fountain of living waters. He had seen men forsake business and pleasure—sacrifice wealth and even life in obedience to it. No marvel, then, that in Corinth, in full view of the splendors and corruptions of this Paris of antiquity, in the midst of Gospel triumphs he wrote, “I am ready to preach the Gospel to you that are in Rome also; for I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.” Alone, wielding only the Word “quick and powerful,” he was not ashamed of his resources. Another David, with his sling and “five smooth stones,” he goes in the name of the Lord God of his fathers to meet the giant.

God has sometimes permitted wicked men to have a season of seeming triumph over the Word. Changes have marked the onward progress of the church, unaccountable to feeble human thought—movements like the ebb and flow of the tides of the ocean, but every flood tide has carried the healing waters out beyond the old channels, making wider areas of beauty and fruitfulness in all the world. From the beginning we see this. Christ crucified, and the disciples scattered, looked like the end of this wonderful plan; but it was only His glorification—His ascension to a throne of wider influence and richer blessing. Pentecost quickly came, with its “cloven tongues as of fire,” and believers were numbered by thousands. The martyrdom of Stephen, the imprisonment of Paul in Rome, the banishment of John to Patmos—these temporary triumphs of the world, only resulted in the wider dissemination of the truth—the larger liberty and power of the Word of God. And in successive ages God has chosen His own instruments to break the bands of superstition and formalism, and open anew the avenues of communication to the world. The secret of this marvellous history is in the words, “Lo I am with you alway.”

2. The Word of God is not bound to-day. This Word is a living power in the world. We live in an age that puts to the tests of rigid investigation and scholarly criticism, everything that claims the respect and homage of men. Every system of philosophy, every theory of science, every form of religion is boldly examined, with all the aids of modern scholarship. Nothing is taken for granted, nothing goes unquestioned in this age of intellectual activity; and we do not complain of this, but rather rejoice that it is so. Let the seeming, the superfluous, the false, perish. Let the old form of inherited beliefs, with all the human accretions of centuries, be studied, analyzed, and re-cast, if need be, until the pure gold of Divine truth shines again in all its original lustre. Let the dead crust of formalism be broken up, and cast utterly away. Let the superficial and loosely-held opinions of men be scattered to the winds; and let the clear light of intelligent criticism be concentrated upon the foundations of our faith. We have nothing to fear in all this upheaval—this earnest inquiry for the solid ground of truth, but everything to gain; and in the clear shining of the truth—the larger liberty of the Word of God, there shall come new, and larger conquests than have ever been gained. In this nineteenth century, as the fruit of Protestant Christianity, there is large personal freedom, liberty of thought and discussion, and general education of the people. The battle is set, and the conflict rages all along the line, from our largest universities to the country common-school—from

the lecture platform in our crowded cities to the debating societies in the secluded valleys—in the pulpit and in the pew. We ought not to close our eyes to the momentous issues of this age. Infidelity is on the rostrum, in the chairs of famous institutions of learning, and sometimes in the pulpit. Our Christian institutions, in the sublime consciousness of power and ultimate victory, tolerate blatant blasphemy and destructive communistic principles on the platform and in the press. The Church of God is the power behind the thrones in all Christian lands; and this power, that has broken the shackles of centuries, and to-day breathes into all our institutions respect for individual rights and liberty of conscience, has said substantially to infidelity, "Do your worst, God is on our side, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against us." Never was the Word of God so powerful in the lives of nations and individuals, or so open to the intelligence of the masses, as now. In the wide open door of the heathen nations the Gospel is entering as the mightiest factor in the civilization of the future. And in the midst of the idolatry and superstition of these nations, consecrated men and women are speaking "all the words of this life." Scarcely a steamer crosses the ocean that does not carry out missionaries who go to proclaim the Word. In China, Japan, India, Africa, and in the Islands of the Sea, the printing press is multiplying copies of the Bible. And in our own land, Bibles, tracts, religious periodicals, leaflets, in many forms, bearing the precious seed of the kingdom, drop from the press, abundant as the leaves of autumn, and almost as cheap. The Word of God is not bound. The area of light and life is widening every year. The blessed message to human hearts has lost nothing of its charm. It calls in clarion notes to the careless and worldly; instructs and encourages the earnest struggling soul; and whispers in softest tones, "the name that is above every name," in the ears of the dying.

3. It shall not be bound in the future. This is our confidence and hope. Never, in all the past, did the church and the ever-living Word, stand upon such vantage ground. And with less faith than Paul's, we may stand in our places, and endure privation and hardship, and even bonds, exulting ever in the outlook of triumph over all the forces arrayed against the Church. In the mission fields the work is progressing steadily. It may seem slow to us, and the undertaking, as we contemplate the unenlightened millions, simply stupendous; but slowly, majestically, as spring comes to cover the barren earth with beauty, shall the light of God's Word rise upon heathen lands, and banish forever the night of ignorance and idolatry. The heart of the Church is turning with more interest every year to those who sit in darkness; the forces are concentrating in these lands, and the signs of the times indicate a speedy occupation of every field; and we know not how soon the Word of the Master shall be fulfilled—"And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations: and then shall the end come." We are thankful to-day that we have some part in this grand work. That our beloved Bro. Klein, as our representative, stands there in the twilight of the dawning day, bearing an honorable part in the sacrifice and toil. In our own land where the conflict rages with growing intensity, the prestige of victory is with the Word of the Lord. It is our part, simply to preach, and live it. We need not be concerned to defend it. It is not by turning aside from the proclamation of the Gospel, to answer the arguments and sneers of infidelity, that we are to hasten the complete conquest—not in taking the attitude of defense against the enemies of God, but in a forward movement, that will carry the simple Word of God everywhere, and press it upon the consciences of men; and by such lives as shall carry the aroma of Gospel holiness into every circle of society, and into all departments of business life. We may not be permitted to see this ultimate triumph; but, if not, the last hours of our life shall be brightened by the hope of it; and sweetened with the thought that we have contributed something to the grand consummation, when "He shall see of the travail of His soul and shall be satisfied."

FINANCIAL  
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**TABLE OF ASSESSMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING APRIL, 1885.**

CHARGES.	Conference.	Seminary.	Ministerial. Education.	Superannuated Fund.	Home and Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	President's Salary.	Bible.	Tract.
Accomac.....	\$2.00	\$9.00	\$6.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	Col.	Col.
Alexandria.....	4.00	12.00	9.00	15.00	20.00	35.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
Amelia.....	2.00	6.00	2.00	4.00	8.00	7.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Anne Arundel..	4.00	19.00	5.00	15.00	20.00	30.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Baltimore.....	4.00	19.00	5.00	12.00	20.00	30.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
Bedford.....	7.00	25.00	6.00	12.00	24.00	50.00	50.00	Col.	Col.
Belair.....	6.50	25.00	10.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	45.00	Col.	Col.
Broadway.....	3.00	10.00	6.00	15.00	20.00	25.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Cambridge.....	4.00	12.00	4.00	10.00	20.00	30.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Campbell.....	2.00	5.00	2.00	4.00	8.00	10.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Caroline.....	5.00	20.00	8.00	15.00	40.00	40.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
Cecil.....	6.00	20.00	12.00	25.00	40.00	60.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Centreville.....	5.00	23.00	8.00	15.00	26.00	50.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
Chesapeake.....	3.50	14.00	9.00	15.00	28.00	30.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Chestertown...	7.00	23.00	18.00	40.00	60.00	50.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Clayton.....	3.00	11.00	4.00	15.00	20.00	25.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Concord.....	4.00	15.00	9.00	15.00	30.00	35.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
Crisfield.....	2.00	15.00	4.00	10.00	16.00	20.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Crumpton.....	2.00	8.00	3.00	10.00	10.00	15.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Cumberland....	4.00	14.00	10.00	16.00	20.00	40.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Deer Park.....	3.00	10.00	2.00	12.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Dorchester.....	4.00	15.00	8.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
East Baltimore.	6.00	23.00	12.00	30.00	50.00	62.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Easton.....	6.50	23.00	15.00	30.00	50.00	75.00	45.00	Col.	Col.
Eutaw.....	3.00	11.00	6.00	15.00	24.00	30.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Fawn Grove...	3.00	10.00	8.00	14.00	26.00	30.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Felton.....	2.00	10.00	4.00	10.00	16.00	15.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Finksburg.....	3.50	15.00	10.00	15.00	30.00	35.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
First Church...	3.50	14.00	8.00	15.00	30.00	40.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Franklin City..	3.00	11.00	5.00	12.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Frederick.....	7.00	27.00	20.00	35.00	60.00	75.00	50.00	Col.	Col.
Georgetown....	6.50	25.00	15.00	40.00	80.00	108.00	45.00	Col.	Col.
Hampden.....	3.50	15.00	8.00	15.00	26.00	50.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Harper's Ferry.	1.50	5.00	2.00	5.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Harrington.....	3.50	11.00	7.00	16.00	20.00	30.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Heathsville.....	3.00	10.00	.....	15.00	.....	10.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Howard.....	6.50	24.00	10.00	25.00	40.00	60.00	45.00	Col.	Col.
Jefferson.....	6.00	23.00	10.00	20.00	40.00	60.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Kennedyville...	3.50	10.00	5.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Kent Island....	3.50	11.00	7.00	15.00	24.00	30.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Laurel.....	3.50	14.00	10.00	16.00	30.00	40.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Leipsic.....	1.50	5.00	3.00	8.00	12.00	20.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Liberty.....	6.00	23.00	10.00	20.00	30.00	40.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Lynchburg.....	6.00	25.00	12.00	20.00	32.00	40.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Marley.....	1.50	5.00	3.00	7.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Middleway.....	2.00	8.00	4.00	10.00	16.00	20.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Milton.....	3.00	11.00	5.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Mt. Pleasant ..	2.00	15.00	4.00	10.00	16.00	20.00	15.00	Col.	Col.

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FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING APRIL, 1885—CONTINUED.

CHARGES.	Conference.	Seminary.	Ministerial Education.	Superannuated Fund.	Home and Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	President's Salary.	Bible.	Tract.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Col.	Col.
Newark.....	7.00	34.00	15.00	35.00	40.00	60.00	50.00	Col.	Col.
Ninth-Street ...	5.00	19.00	12.00	20.00	32.00	40.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
N. C. Avenue...	2.00	8.00	2.00	4.00	8.00	7.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Oxford.....	1.50	8.00	4.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Pipe Creek.....	6.00	23.00	12.00	30.00	50.00	64.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Pittsville.....	3.00	10.00	9.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Pocomoke.....	3.50	14.00	6.00	13.00	24.00	25.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Pocomoke City.	6.00	23.00	10.00	15.00	30.00	60.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Potomac.....	1.50	8.00	3.00	6.00	10.00	15.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Powellsville...	3.00	10.00	8.00	17.00	20.00	25.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Preston.....	2.00	10.00	5.00	14.00	20.00	25.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Quantico.....	3.00	11.00	3.00	8.00	15.00	18.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Queen Anne's..	3.50	14.00	10.00	16.00	30.00	40.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Rowlandville..	2.00	8.00	5.00	12.00	16.00	18.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
St. James.....	6.00	23.00	15.00	50.00	70.00	50.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
St. Luke's.....	3.50	14.00	8.00	15.00	20.00	35.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
St. Michael's...	3.00	10.00	2.00	6.00	10.00	13.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Salisbury.....	3.00	12.00	5.00	15.00	24.00	30.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Seaford.....	3.00	14.00	5.00	15.00	22.00	30.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Snow Hill.....	1.50	5.00	4.00	15.00	20.00	27.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Somerset.....	3.50	20.00	12.00	32.00	50.00	70.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
S. Baltimore...	3.00	14.00	8.00	15.00	25.00	35.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Starr.....	7.00	27.00	18.00	50.00	70.00	125.00	50.00	Col.	Col.
Stewartstown..	4.00	15.00	9.00	15.00	30.00	35.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
Surry.....	2.00	8.00	5.00	14.00	20.00	25.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Susquehanna...	5.00	19.00	8.00	15.00	24.00	60.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
Sussex.....	1.50	10.00	4.00	10.00	16.00	16.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Talbot.....	3.00	10.00	8.00	15.00	25.00	30.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Union.....	3.50	14.00	12.00	25.00	40.00	50.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Warwick.....	6.00	23.00	10.00	25.00	40.00	50.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Washington-St.	4.50	18.00	12.00	34.00	50.00	70.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
W. Baltimore...	7.00	27.00	20.00	40.00	70.00	80.00	50.00	Col.	Col.
Westminster...	7.00	27.00	25.00	40.00	60.00	75.00	50.00	Col.	Col.
Wilmington....	1.50	5.00	2.00	10.00	12.00	15.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Berkeley.....	1.50	5.00	.....	5.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Charleston.....	1.50	5.00	.....	7.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	Col.	Col.

NOTE.—“Conference Collection” is for the incidental expenses of the Annual Conference, including the publication of Minutes. “Seminary Collection” is for the salary of the President of the Westminster Theological Seminary, and should be sent to Rev. T. H. Lewis, Westminster, Md. “Ministerial Education” is to assist needy young men in securing an education to prepare for the ministry in the M. P. Church, and should be sent to Mr. Jno H. Claney, 98 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. “Superannuated Fund” is for the worn-out preachers of the M. P. Church in the Maryland District, their widows and orphans, and should be sent to Rev. T. O. Crouse, Centerville, Md. “Home and Foreign Missions” should be sent to Rev. C. H. Williams, Springfield, Ohio. “Home Missions” should be sent to Rev. A. W. Mather, Hanesville, Md., “President’s Salary” should be paid to the President at the time of his visit, or previously sent to 8 Parkin St., Baltimore, Md.



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FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1885.

No.	CHARGES.	Conference.	Bible.	Tract.	SEMINARY.		MIN. EDUCATION.	
					Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	Accomac .....	50	1.00	1.00	9.00	2.00	10.00	2.00
2	Alexandria....	2.00	1.00	5.00	12.00	12.00	7.00	7.00
3	Amelia .....		1.00	25	5.00	1.15	3.00	1.00
4	Anne Arundel.	1.57	1.00	.....	19.00	14.00	11.50	5.00
5	Baltimore.....	1.86	1.53	.....	19.00	1.00	10.50	4.42
6	Bedford.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	25.00	10.88	7.00	5.55
7	Belair .....	3.75	2.25	.....	25.00	4.00	13.00	2.00
8	Broadway ....	3.00	2.00	7.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
9	Cambridge....	50	50	50	12.00	10.00	10.00	1.00
10	Campbell .....		.....	.....	5.00	.....	7.50	3.00
11	Caroline .....	1.00	1.00	1.00	20.00	10.00	20.50	5.00
12	Cecil.....	1.10	2.80	1.23	20.00	20.00	11.50	11.50
13	Centreville ....	3.00	3.00	8.46	23.00	23.00	5.50	5.00
14	Chesapeake....	2.00	1.40	60	14.00	5.75	4.50	3.00
15	Chestertown...	2.00	3.00	1.00	23.00	10.00	8.50	8.00
16	Clayton .....	1.35	1.55	1.48	11.00	6.00	6.30	3.00
17	Concord .....	2.00	1.00	1.00	15.00	15.00	8.00	4.00
18	Crumpton ....	50	22	15	8.00	1.31	3.00	1.05
19	Cumberland...	70	50	50	14.00	2.00	9.00	2.00
20	Deer Park....	1.28	1.50	2.56	8.00	6.50	5.00	4.00
21	Dorchester....	1.50	1.00	1.00	15.00	7.00	7.50	7.00
22	East Baltimore	2.00	3.00	27.00	23.00	17.00	7.50	7.00
23	Easton.....	2.00	3.00	1.00	23.00	23.00	8.50	8.50
24	Ellicott City...		.....	.....	5.00	.....	3.50	.....
25	Eutaw .....	75	1.00	6 45	11.00	5.45	4.00	3.47
26	Fawn Grove...	1.35	.....	.....	15.00	4.50	15.00	2.00
27	Felton.....	1.25	50	25	8.00	2.50	5.00	5.00
28	Finksburg ....	1.00	2.00	1.00	15.00	8.00	10.00	8.00
29	First Church..	1.00	1.00	3.44	14.00	6.00	7.00	3.00
30	Franklin City.	1.00	2.00	33	11.00	10.00	9.00	7.00
31	Frederick.....	2.00	1.00	50	27.00	5.00	21.00	4.00
32	Georgetown....	6.00	5.00	18.43	34.00	34.00	13.50	13.50
33	Hampden .....	1 70	1.50	.....	15.00	15 00	16.00	11.00
34	Harper's Ferry	75	75	50	5.00	5.00	2.50	2.50
35	Harrington....	3.70	2.11	1.55	11.00	8.95	5.50	5.05
36	Heathsville ...		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
37	Howard.....	1.55	1.45	14.68	24.00	12.66	17.50	8.13
38	Hull-Street ....	25	.....	25	5.00	1.00	2.50	50
39	Jefferson .....	3.00	3.00	65.57	23.00	10.00	6.00	6.00
40	Kennedyville..	2.00	1.00	1.00	8.00	8.00	4.00	4.00
41	Kent Island...	2.00	1.00	50	11.00	11.00	4.50	4.50
42	Laurel.....	1.00	.....	.....	14.00	1.00	5.00	1.25
43	Liberty.....	4.60	1.00	13.76	23.00	23.00	9.00	9.00
44	Leipsic.....	20	50	88	5.00	1.00	4.00	80
45	Lynchburg ....	1.00	.....	1.00	25.00	1.25	8 50	1.00
46	Middleway.....	67	1.00	30	8.00	....	5.00	2.00
47	Milton .....	1.00	.....	.....	11.00	1.00	10.00	1.00
48	Newark .....	2.00	6.00	2.56	34.00	34.00	20.00	11.75
49	Ninth-Street ..	3.00	2.00	1.25	19.00	19.00	7.50	7.50



**TABLE OF COLLECTIONS**  
**FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1885—CONTINUED.**

No.	SUPERANNUATES.		H. & F. MISSIONS.		HOME MISSIONS.		W. F. M. S.	TOTAL.	
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.
1	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.10	\$ 13.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 6.00	.....	\$ 68.00	\$ 30.60
2	10.00	10.00	17.00	17.00	30.00	30.00	32.00	84.00	92.00
3	5.00	1.60	10.00	2.75	12.00	12.00	.....	35.00	18.75
4	15.00	10.00	26.00	24 58	50.00	21.00	13.10	120.50	77.15
5	15.00	5.00	35.00	6.50	40.00	.....	.....	120.50	20.31
6	15.00	7.46	30.00	12.00	75.00	22.31	.....	152.00	61.20
7	25.00	7.00	25.00	5.00	75.00	11.00	.....	163.00	35.00
8	10.00	10.00	13.00	13.00	25.00	25.00	.....	63.00	75.00
9	8.00	5.00	16.00	5.00	30.00	5.00	1.00	76.00	27.50
10	5.00	.....	10.00	7.70	18.00	5.00	.....	45.50	15.70
11	15.00	5.00	45.00	5.00	35.00	10.00	.....	135.50	38.00
12	15.00	15.00	35.00	36.00	55.00	55.00	23.04	136.50	165.67
13	20.00	20.00	35.00	31.00	50.00	41.00	60.00	133.50	134.46
14	15.00	9.50	22.00	13.00	30.00	20.75	.....	85.00	56.00
15	50.00	28.94	35.00	24.00	83.00	59.96	19.75	199.50	136.90
16	8.00	4.00	18.00	9.00	35.00	19.00	.....	78.00	45.38
17	13.00	14.00	22.00	5.00	30.00	18.00	.....	88.00	60.00
18	6.00	2.00	13.00	1.10	18.00	6.65	.....	48.00	12.98
19	10.00	2.00	22.00	10.00	35.00	3.00	.....	90.00	20.70
20	8.00	8.00	10.00	5.00	20.00	14.00	.....	51.00	42.84
21	12.00	8.00	16.00	13.00	30.00	7.00	6.00	70.50	45.50
22	20.00	15.00	35.00	26.00	70.00	45.00	69.38	155.50	142.00
23	20.00	20.00	35.00	35.00	80.00	80.00	23.75	166.50	172.50
24	5.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	23.50	.....
25	10.00	7.25	18.00	4.25	30.00	30.00	22.50	73.00	58.62
26	15.00	11.79	26.00	25.00	50.00	19.50	.....	121.00	64.14
27	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	15.00	10.00	.....	38.00	29.50
28	10.00	5.00	35.00	10.00	35.00	5 00	.....	105.00	40.00
29	10.00	6.00	20.00	16.00	50.00	20.00	.....	101.00	56.44
30	6.00	6.00	13.00	7.10	20.00	7.25	.....	59.00	40.68
31	25.00	6.00	45.00	12.67	75.00	15.00	15.00	193.00	46.17
32	40.00	40.00	60.00	40.00	.....	.....	27.25	147.50	156.93
33	10.00	10.00	18.00	11.00	42.00	20.00	23.00	101.00	70.20
34	3.00	3 50	10.00	4.00	12.00	5.25	.....	32.50	22.25
35	15.00	10.55	13.00	9.10	30.00	24.45	.....	73.50	65.46
36	12.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00	.....
37	20.00	15.55	40.00	11.10	55.00	39.67	.....	156.50	114.61
38	5.00	75	5.00	50	.....	1.00	.....	17.50	4.00
39	20.00	20.00	35.00	22.00	60.00	50.00	27.12	150.00	179.57
40	6 00	6.00	10.00	10.00	25.00	25.00	.....	53.00	57.00
41	15.00	15.00	18.00	18.00	25.00	25.00	23.10	73.50	77.00
42	15.00	3.60	22.00	5.00	40.00	5.25	1.00	95.00	18.10
43	20.00	6.50	35.00	12.00	52.00	34.60	54.30	139.00	104.46
44	5.00	1.00	10.00	2.00	25.00	5.00	.....	49.00	11.38
45	30.00	6.00	40.00	7.00	50.00	3.00	36.50	153.50	20.25
46	6 00	2.74	13.00	9.84	18.00	17.00	63	50.00	35.55
47	6.00	5.00	18.00	3.00	30.00	3.00	.....	75.00	14.00
48	30.00	14.50	40.00	20.00	75.00	14.19	.....	199.00	99.00
49	15.00	20.76	30.00	30.00	35.00	35.00	44.00	106.50	118.51

## TABLE OF COLLECTIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1885—CONTINUED.

No.	CHARGES.	Conference.	Bible.	Tract.	SEMINARY.		MIN. EDUCATION.	
					Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
50	N. C. Avenue.	1.25	2.00	6.31	8.00	8.00	5.00	5.00
51	Pipe Creek....	3.25	2.13	75	23.00	23.00	14.50	10.00
52	Pittsville.....	2.00	1.00	1.00	14.00	14.00	10.00	10.00
53	Pocomoke.....	50	1.62	73	14.00	3.00	10.00	4.75
54	Pocomoke City	8.00	4.00	2.50	23.00	20.00	11.00	11.00
55	Potomac.....	4.00	1.25	1.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	3.00
56	Powellsville...	1.25	2.00	85	11.00	4.00	10.00	6.00
57	Preston.....	75	1.00	75	8.00	3.00	7.50	2.00
58	Quantico.....	1.00	1.00	50	11.00	1.00	6.00	1.00
59	Queen Anne's.	1.55	97	5.59	14.00	13.50	7.00	5.00
60	Rowlandville.....	2.00	.....	.....	8.00	.....	11.00	.....
61	St. James.....	2.50	5.25	17.00	23.00	15.45	4.50	4.50
62	St. Luke's....	3.63	3.02	.....	14.00	14.00	7.50	7.50
63	St. Michael's..	85	30	30	10.00	90	4.00	1.95
64	Salisbury.....	1.65	1.50	1.00	8.00	3.00	6.00	2.25
65	Seaford.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	14.00	14.00	7.00	5.00
66	Snow Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	6.50	.....
67	Somerset.....	2.00	1.00	.....	20.00	20.00	17.50	5.00
68	S. Baltimore..	1.00	.....	1.00	14.00	2.00	6.50	2.10
69	Starr.....	5.00	5.00	14.76	27.00	7.00	14.50	15.00
70	Stewartstown..	.....	.....	.....	15.00	5.00	13.50	4.00
71	Surry.....	3.00	1.00	1.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50
72	Susquehanna..	3.00	5.02	18.41	19.00	19.00	7.50	7.50
73	Sussex.....	1.50	1.00	50	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
74	Talbot.....	2.00	2.00	2.00	15.00	15.00	11.00	6.00
75	Union.....	2.00	3.00	1.25	14.00	8.50	15.00	5.00
76	Warwick.....	3.00	1.50	1.50	23.00	20.00	10.00	5.00
77	Washington-St	8.40	15.00	12.32	15.00	15.00	8.00	11.25
78	W. Baltimore.	3.00	20.00	33.10	27.00	27.20	10.50	23.20
79	Westminster..	3.00	6.00	10.00	27.00	27.00	10.50	8.00
80	Wilmington...	3.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	3.00
81	Berkeley.....	2.00	1.00	1.50	5.00	2.00	5.00	2.00
82	Charleston....	2.00	3.00	1.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.00
	St. John's.....	.....	.....	15.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Mrs. T. A. Reese	.....	150.00	150.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Rev. R. Scott Norris.....	.....	.....	80.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
		155.46	314.60	581.05	1,195.00	761.45	546.50	417.57

## NOTES.

1. The following charges *overpaid* their Conference Assessments: **Cecil, D. A. Shermer, Pastor; Ninth-Street, J. L. Mills, Pastor; Pocomoke City, S. A. Hoblitzell, Pastor; Potomac, W. F. Livingston, Pastor; St. James, A. W. Mather, Pastor; Washington-Street, R. S. Rowe, Pastor; West Baltimore, D. L. Greenfield, Pastor.**

2. The following charges paid their Assessments in full: **Alexandria, C. B. Middleton, Pastor; Broadway, T. E. Coulbourn, Pastor; Easton, F. T. Little, Pastor; Kennedyville, J. L. Elderdice, Pastor; Kent Island, J. M. Yingling, Pastor; North Carolina Avenue, J. W. Trout, Pastor; Pittsville, J. A. Weigand, Pastor; Wilmington, G. F. Farring, Pastor.**

TABLE OF COLLECTIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1885—CONTINUED.

No.	SUPERANNUATES.		H. & F. MISSIONS.		HOME MISSIONS.		W. F. M. S.	TOTAL.	
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.
50	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	.....	\$ 63.00	\$ 72.56
51	20.00	20.50	35.00	27.00	75.00	45.50	49.00	167.50	132.13
52	10.00	10.00	18.00	18.00	25.00	25.00	2.00	77.00	83.00
53	5.00	5.00	22.00	6.00	30.00	6.97	.....	81.00	28.57
54	20.00	20.00	35.00	65.00	52.00	35.00	.....	141.00	165.50
55	5.00	8.00	10.00	54.25	15.00	20.00	.....	38.00	96.50
56	15.00	7.50	18.00	11.00	20.00	14.00	.....	74.00	46.00
57	5.00	3.00	13.00	4.00	25.00	5.00	.....	58.50	19.50
58	5.00	5.00	18.00	6.00	25.00	4.00	.....	65.00	19.50
59	15.00	15.00	22.00	25.00	50.00	42.00	2.25	108.00	108.61
60	8.00	.....	13.00	5.00	25.00	.....	.....	65.00	7.00
61	50.00	75.00	35.00	68.15	80.00	80.00	10.70	192.50	278.55
62	10.00	10.00	18.00	12.00	35.00	30.00	.....	84.50	80.15
63	10.00	3.50	18.00	2.55	30.00	2.25	.....	72.00	12.55
64	6.00	4.00	13.00	3.00	20.00	4.50	.....	53.00	20.90
65	12.00	10.00	22.00	25.00	30.00	24.00	.....	85.00	81.00
66	5.00	.....	10.00	3.00	30.00	.....	.....	56.50	3.00
67	15.00	15.00	30.00	10.00	60.00	19.50	.....	140.50	72.50
68	12.00	8.00	22.00	7.00	40.00	8.00	8.30	94.50	29.10
69	30.00	30.00	45.00	35.00	125.00	80.00	38.84	241.50	191.76
70	15.00	6.00	26.00	10.00	45.00	25.00	.....	114.50	50.00
71	5.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	30.00	20.00	10.20	60.50	55.50
72	18.00	18.00	30.00	30.00	52.00	16.80	.....	136.50	117.71
73	5.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	20.00	18.00	50	45.00	41.50
74	15.00	15.00	26.00	15.00	52.00	30.00	.....	119.00	87.00
75	15.00	13.00	22.00	9.25	35.00	5.00	.....	101.00	57.00
76	20.00	10.00	30.00	5.00	60.00	15.00	.....	143.00	61.00
77	20.00	20.00	22.00	35.00	45.00	45.00	14.15	110.00	161.97
78	25.00	100.00	50.00	211.55	70.00	61.88	70.00	182.50	540.18
79	25.00	26.00	45.00	46.00	100.00	31.00	60.25	207.50	157.00
80	5.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	7.00	7.00	.....	30.00	37.00
81	8.00	2.50	10.00	3.00	.....	1.00	3.00	28.00	18.00
82	8.00	4.00	10.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	28.00	19.00
		15.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31.00
			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300.00
			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80.00
	1157.00	912.59	1,860.00	1,407.94	3,128.00	1,673.13	791.51	7,927.00	7,058.22

3. In addition to the amounts named above for Home and Foreign Missions, and for the Woman's F. M. Society, the following charges contributed to the debt on the Hume in Japan, some through the congregation and some through the W. F. M. S.: Alexandria, \$27; Centreville, \$20; Fawn Grove, \$25.27; Frederick, \$3.75; Georgetown, \$20; Harper's Ferry, \$3; Howard, \$40; Liberty, \$27.50; Middleway, \$2; Ninth Street, \$50; Salisbury, \$20; Seaford, \$5—\$243.52.

4. The following collections included in the column above are for Foreign Missions only: Dorchester; Pipe Creek, \$17; Potomac; St. Luke's; West Baltimore, \$49.83; Berkeley.

5. In addition to the assessments named above, \$600 was assessed and collected for expenses of General Conference.

## PASTORAL SUPPORT

FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1885.

CHARGES.	PRESIDENT.		PASTOR'S SALARY.		
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess. for Pastor.	Assess. for Asso. P.	Paid.
Accomac.....	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 400.00	\$ .....	\$ 365.00
Alexandria.....	20.00	20.00	500.00	.....	541 00
Amelia.....	10.00	10.00	200.00	.....	200 00
Anne Arundel.....	30.00	30.00	800.00	200.00	1,000.00
Baltimore.....	30.00	30.00	625.00	.....	555.00
Bedford.....	50.00	50.00	540.00	.....	459.00
Belair.....	45.00	45.00	800 00	200.00	900.00
Broadway.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	.....	400.00
Cambridge.....	25.00	25.00	650.00	.....	650.00
Campbell.....	15.00	15.00	200.00	.....	.....
Caroline.....	35.00	35.00	600.00	.....	550.00
Cecil.....	40.00	40.00	700.00	.....	700.00
Centreville.....	40.00	40.00	700.00	.....	758.33
Chesapeake.....	25 00	25.00	540.00	.....	540.00
Chestertown.....	40 00	40.00	800.00	.....	800.00
Clayton.....	20.00	20.00	425.00	.....	421.00
Concord.....	30.00	30.00	460.00	.....	470.00
Crumpton.....	15.00	15.00	300.00	.....	214.00
Cumberland.....	25.00	25.00	433.33	.....	433.33
Deer Park.....	20.00	20.00	350.00	.....	350.00
Dorchester.....	25.00	25.00	640.00	.....	640.00
East Baltimore.....	40.00	40.00	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Easton.....	40.00	40.00	800.00	.....	861.00
Eutaw.....	20.00	20.00	541.66	.....	541.66
Fawn Grove.....	30.00	30.00	650.00	.....	563 30
Felton.....	15.00	15.00	400 00	.....	400 00
Finksburg.....	25.00	25.00	600.00	.....	472.00
First Church.....	25.00	25.00	800.00	.....	800.00
Franklin City.....	20 00	20.00	450.00	.....	460.00
Frederick.....	50.00	42.95	600.00	200.00	700.00
Georgetown.....	60.00	60.00	1,300.00	480.00	1,780.00
Hampden.....	25.00	25.00	700.00	.....	700.00
Harper's Ferry.....	10 00	10.00	110.00	.....	110.00
Harrington.....	25.00	25.00	600.00	.....	600.00
Heathsville.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Howard.....	45.00	.....	920.00	.....	843.00
Hull-Street.....	5 00	.....	316.00	.....	316.00
Jefferson.....	40.00	40.00	743.75	.....	743.75
Kennedyville.....	15 00	15.00	250.00	.....	250.00
Kent Island.....	20.00	20.00	500.00	.....	500.00
Laurel.....	25.00	25.00	650.00	.....	650.00
Leipsic.....	10 00	10.00	150.00	.....	150.00
Liberty.....	40.00	40.00	500.00	.....	493.34
Lynchburg.....	40.00	40.00	800.00	.....	850.00
Middleway.....	15.00	15.00	350 00	.....	306 42
Milton.....	20 00	20.00	500 00	.....	475.00
Newark.....	50.00	50.00	1,350.00	.....	1,350.00
Ninth-Street.....	35.00	35.00	900 00	.....	900.00
N. C. Avenue.....	15.00	15.00	800.00	.....	800.00

**PASTORAL SUPPORT**  
**FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1885.**

CHARGES.	PRESIDENT.		PASTOR'S SALARY.		
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess. for Pastor.	Assess. for Asso. P.	Paid.
Pipe Creek.....	\$ 40 00	\$ 40.00	\$ 650.00	\$	\$ 650.00
Pittsville.....	25.00	25.00	450.00		450.00
Pocomoke.....	25.00	25 00	380 00		355.55
Pocomoke City.....	40 00	40.00	737.50		737.50
Potomac.....	10.00	10 00	350.00		350 00
Powellsville.....	20.00	20.00	350.00		365 85
Preston.....	15 00	15.00	311.00		300.00
Quantico.....	20.00	20.00	400 00		400.00
Queen Anne's.....	25 00	25.00	500 00		500.00
Rowlandville.....	15.00	15.00			
St. James.....	40 00	40.00	650.00		650.00
St. Luke's.....	25.00	25.00	900.00		945.00
St. Michael's.....	20 00	20 00	400.00		400.00
Salisbury.....	15.00	15.00	400.00		400.00
Seaford.....	20.00	20.00	600.00		534.60
Snow Hill.....	10.00	10.00	400.00		*121.34
Somerset.....	40.00	40.00	800.00		800.00
South Baltimore.....	20.00	20.00	800.00		735.00
Starr.....	50 00	50.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
Stewartstown.....	30.00	30.00	600 00		500.00
Surry.....	15.00	15.00	550.00		550.00
Susquehanna.....	35.00	35.00	600.00		600.00
Sussex.....	10.00	10.00	335.00		235.00
Talbot.....	30.00	30 00	650.00		611.45
Union.....	25.00	25.00	500.00		500.00
Warwick.....	40.00	40.00	700 00		700.00
Washington-St.....	30.00	30.00	975.00		975.00
West Baltimore.....	50.00	50 00	1,300.00		1,300.00
Westminster.....	50.00	50.00	900.00		900.00
Wilmington.....	10.00	10.00	225.00		225.00
Berkeley.....	10.00	10.00			271.85
Charleston.....	10.00	10.00	297.34		297.34
Total.....	2,175.00	2,097.95	44,939.58	1,080.00	43,480.77

\*Part of the year.

## STATISTICS.

No.	CHARGES.	Members.	Probationers.	Received.	Deceased.	Withdrawn.	Removed.	Discontinued.	Increase.	Decrease.	Church Periodicals.
1	Accomac.....	216	....	5	2	2	16	5	....	15	.....
2	Alexandria.....	129	....	17	4	4	6	19	....	16	14
3	All Saints.....	43	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
4	Amelia.....	54	1	3	1	2	....	....	....	....	8
5	Anne Arundel.....	188	....	9	4	....	....	....	5	....	10
6	Baltimore.....	254	38	37	1	8	....	....	29	....	9
7	Bedford.....	173	2	14	5	....	2	....	7	....	13
8	Belair.....	296	20	3	1	....	....	....	22	....	....
9	Broadway.....	137	20	27	1	2	....	18	29	....	7
10	Cambridge.....	166	42	43	....	....	....	....	43	....	10
11	Campbell.....	224	....	23	1	....	1	....	23	....	....
12	Caroline.....	207	8	2	1	....	....	....	9	....	14
13	Cecil.....	260	28	78	2	....	....	....	30	....	110
14	Centreville.....	114	8	12	1	....	2	....	10	....	27
15	Chesapeake.....	94	4	5	1	....	....	....	4	....	16
16	Chestertown.....	209	....	28	2	....	....	....	26	....	35
17	Chincoteague.....	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
18	Clayton.....	139	41	5	1	2	1	....	1	....	3
19	Concord.....	178	....	21	2	1	....	8	11	....	19
20	Crumpton.....	43	3	7	3	....	1	2	3	....	12
21	Cumberland.....	140	3	3	2	5	8	21	....	33	6
22	Deer Park.....	186	10	49	3	....	2	....	44	....	2
23	Dorchester.....	210	24	40	....	....	2	....	38	....	18
24	East Baltimore....	208	5	28	5	....	8	2	13	....	18
25	Easton.....	196	13	25	3	....	....	1	22	....	45
26	Ellicott City.....	72	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
27	Eutaw.....	71	2	5	....	1	1	2	1	....	7
28	Fawn Grove.....	306	90	15	5	1	2	10	3	....	7
29	Felton.....	115	13	25	1	....	....	....	24	....	....
30	Finksburg.....	256	7	19	2	1	....	....	16	....	15
31	First Church.....	142	....	2	....	2	1	13	....	14	....
32	Franklin City.....	189	4	11	2	....	....	....	9	....	10
33	Frederick.....	434	20	21	4	....	....	....	17	....	30
34	Georgetown.....	246	....	28	11	1	3	3	3	....	....
35	Guilford.....	33	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
36	Hampden.....	332	27	28	5	1	6	22	....	24	8
37	Harper's Ferry....	40	....	3	....	1	1	1	....	....	3
38	Harrington.....	245	34	42	5	4	13	28	....	39	19
39	Howard.....	358	3	19	2	....	4	....	13	....	160
40	Hull-Street.....	9	....	....	2	3	1	....	....	....	4
41	Indian River.....	25	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
42	Jefferson.....	124	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	2	27
43	Kennedyville.....	72	7	6	....	1	3	1	1	....	8
44	Kent Island.....	114	4	50	11	....	....	14	34	....	13
45	Laurel.....	180	12	26	2	....	....	....	26	....	....
46	Leipsic.....	77	9	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	3
47	Liberty.....	210	4	6	2	1	7	5	9	....	22
48	Lynchburg.....	150	3	15	....	2	5	10	....	23	15
49	Middleway.....	176	....	58	2	5	1	....	50	....	8
50	Milton.....	132	....	9	5	1	....	86	....	77	4
51	Newark.....	195	1	16	....	5	....	....	11	....	15

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No.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Church Debts.	Sub. Schools.	Officers.	Teachers.	Scholars.	M. P. Papers Taken.	Other S. S. Papers Taken.	Volumes in Library.	Conversions.
1	2	1	\$5,000.00	\$300.00	1	5	7	171	120	.....	350	4
2	1	1	8,000.00	.....	1	8	21	225	156	50	350	4
3	1	..	3,000.00	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4	1	..	1,200.00	.....	1	5	8	60	31	.....	36	2
5	5	1	12,000.00	200.00	3	12	25	200	136	.....	200	..
6	4	1	7,000.00	600.00	7	25	40	388	188	.....	894	3
7	6	1	11,200.00	800.00	6	40	36	279	163	78	663	10
8	7	1	14,000.00	1,300.00	5	20	25	300	.....	.....	.....	..
9	1	1	31,000.00	9,200.00	1	5	21	240	180	.....	550	24
10	3	1	8,000.00	1,600.00	2	6	14	130	100	.....	30	10
11	4	..	1,700.00	.....	4	14	15	200	38	.....	200	18
12	4	1	6,000.00	.....	4	13	35	240	160	185	350	4
13	5	1	11,200.00	.....	5	15	45	500	200	.....	1,500	8
14	1	1	10,000.00	.....	1	6	15	100	24	.....	225	6
15	2	1	7,000.00	.....	2	9	15	100	100	.....	225	2
16	1	1	7,000.00	.....	1	6	28	200	100	.....	600	19
17	1	..	500.00	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
18	3	..	6,000.00	150.00	3	14	28	177	90	50	235	34
19	4	1	8,200.00	.....	3	22	28	210	118	50	240	..
20	2	1	5,100.00	436.79	1	5	11	78	70	.....	110	4
21	1	1	10,000.00	.....	1	9	24	239	185	.....	280	2
22	4	..	3,500.00	400.00	4	16	33	346	200	.....	200	11
23	4	1	10,000.00	175.00	4	17	32	225	230	.....	225	15
24	1	..	22,000.00	.....	1	10	15	165	195	.....	519	..
25	1	1	18,000.00	.....	1	8	17	200	200	.....	800	6
26	1	..	1,000.00	.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
27	1	1	5,300.00	1,400.00	1	5	12	83	.....	90	.....	1
28	5	1	8,000.00	800.00	5	22	43	498	394	.....	600	28
29	3	..	3,000.00	.....	2	..	10	175	.....	.....	200	..
30	4	..	10,000.00	.....	4	20	32	300	200	.....	900	20
31	1	1	10,000.00	900.00	1	10	15	144	.....	.....	250	2
32	4	1	3,680.00	350.00	1	4	9	100	150	.....	110	..
33	8	..	15,000.00	.....	8	43	81	800	250	.....	900	14
34	2	1	20,000.00	.....	2	18	40	404	418	.....	780	12
35	2	..	3,000.00	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
36	1	1	9,200.00	700.00	1	9	28	520	270	.....	333	21
37	1	1	6,000.00	150.00	1	3	10	50	80	.....	125	..
38	3	1	7,700.00	1,500.00	3	17	37	295	212	.....	400	17
39	8 <sup>1</sup>	1	12,700.00	.....	8	26	45	478	160	.....	850	4
40	1	..	1,000.00	.....	1	4	6	75	110	.....	..	..
41	1	..	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
42	4	1	11,500.00	800.00	2	10	31	240	140	.....	500	..
43	1	1	3,000.00	.....	1	5	12	105	100	.....	500	6
44	2	1	8,300.00	.....	2	9	15	106	130	.....	317	65
45	2	1	10,000.00	.....	1	7	20	125	.....	.....	300	1
46	1	..	3,000.00	.....	1	5	14	125	75	.....	..	..
47	4	1	10,500.00	.....	3	18	47	280	140	3	1,225	4
48	1	..	15,000.00	.....	1	5	9	107	85	25	315	14
49	1	1	1,900.00	.....	3	14	21	190	150	.....	100	4
50	3	1	4,000.00	150.00	3	8	13	150	50	.....	369	..
51	1	1	40,000.00	2,400.00	1	8	20	161	240	.....	600	3



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No.	CHARGES.	Members.	Probationers.	Received.	Deceased.	Withdrawn.	Removed.	Discontinued.	Increase.	Decrease.	Church Periodicals.
1	Accomac.....	216	....	5	2	2	16	5	....	15	.....
2	Alexandria.....	129	....	17	4	4	6	19	....	16	14
3	All Saints.....	43	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
4	Amelia.....	54	1	3	1	2	....	....	....	....	8
5	Anne Arundel.....	188	....	9	4	....	....	....	5	....	10
6	Baltimore.....	254	38	37	1	8	....	....	29	....	9
7	Bedford.....	173	2	14	5	....	2	....	7	....	13
8	Belair.....	296	20	3	1	....	....	....	22	....	....
9	Broadway.....	137	20	27	1	2	....	18	29	....	7
10	Cambridge.....	166	42	43	....	....	....	....	43	....	10
11	Campbell.....	224	....	23	1	....	1	....	23	....	....
12	Caroline.....	207	8	2	1	....	....	....	9	....	14
13	Cecil.....	260	28	78	2	....	....	....	30	....	110
14	Centreville.....	114	8	12	1	....	2	....	10	....	27
15	Chesapeake.....	94	4	5	1	....	....	....	4	....	16
16	Chestertown.....	209	....	28	2	....	....	....	26	....	35
17	Chincoteague.....	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
18	Clayton.....	139	41	5	1	2	1	....	1	....	3
19	Concord.....	178	....	21	2	1	....	8	11	....	19
20	Crumpton.....	43	3	7	3	....	1	2	3	....	12
21	Cumberland.....	140	3	3	2	5	2	21	....	33	6
22	Deer Park.....	186	10	49	3	....	2	....	44	....	2
23	Dorchester.....	210	24	40	....	....	2	....	38	....	18
24	East Baltimore.....	208	5	28	5	....	8	2	13	....	18
25	Easton.....	196	13	25	3	....	....	1	22	....	45
26	Ellicott City.....	72	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
27	Eutaw.....	71	2	5	....	1	1	2	1	....	7
28	Fawn Grove.....	306	90	15	5	1	2	10	3	....	7
29	Felton.....	115	13	25	1	....	....	....	24	....	....
30	Finksburg.....	256	7	19	2	1	....	....	16	....	15
31	First Church.....	142	....	2	....	2	1	13	....	14	....
32	Franklin City.....	189	4	11	2	....	....	....	9	....	10
33	Frederick.....	434	20	21	4	....	....	....	17	....	30
34	Georgetown.....	246	....	28	11	1	3	3	3	....	....
35	Guilford.....	33	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
36	Hampden.....	332	27	28	5	1	6	22	....	24	8
37	Harper's Ferry.....	40	....	3	....	1	1	1	....	....	3
38	Harrington.....	245	34	42	5	4	13	28	....	39	19
39	Howard.....	358	3	19	2	....	4	....	13	....	160
40	Hull-Street.....	9	....	....	2	3	1	....	....	....	4
41	Indian River.....	25	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
42	Jefferson.....	124	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	2	27
43	Kennedyville.....	72	7	6	....	1	3	1	1	....	8
44	Kent Island.....	114	4	50	11	....	....	14	34	....	13
45	Laurel.....	180	12	26	2	....	....	....	26	....	....
46	Leipsic.....	77	9	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	3
47	Liberty.....	210	4	6	2	1	7	5	9	....	22
48	Lynchburg.....	150	3	15	....	2	5	10	....	23	15
49	Middleway.....	176	....	58	2	5	1	....	50	....	8
50	Milton.....	132	....	9	5	1	....	86	....	77	4
51	Newark.....	195	1	16	....	5	....	....	11	....	15

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No.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Church Debts.	Sab. Schools.	Officers.	Teachers.	Scholars.	M. P. Papers Taken.	Other S. S. Papers Taken.	Volumes in Library.	Conversions.
1	2	1	\$5,000.00	\$300.00	1	5	7	171	120	.....	350	4
2	1	1	8,000.00	.....	1	8	21	225	156	50	350	4
3	1	..	3,000.00	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4	1	..	1,200.00	.....	1	5	8	60	31	.....	36	2
5	5	1	12,000.00	200.00	3	12	25	200	136	.....	200	...
6	4	1	7,000.00	600.00	7	25	40	388	188	.....	894	3
7	6	1	11,200.00	800.00	6	40	36	279	163	78	663	10
8	7	1	14,000.00	1,300.00	5	20	25	300	.....	.....	.....	...
9	1	1	31,000.00	9,200.00	1	5	21	240	180	.....	550	24
10	3	1	8,000.00	1,600.00	2	6	14	130	100	.....	30	10
11	4	..	1,700.00	.....	4	14	15	200	38	.....	200	18
12	4	1	6,000.00	.....	4	13	35	240	160	185	350	4
13	5	1	11,200.00	.....	5	15	45	500	200	.....	1,500	8
14	1	1	10,000.00	.....	1	6	15	100	24	.....	225	6
15	2	1	7,000.00	.....	2	9	15	100	100	.....	225	2
16	1	1	7,000.00	.....	1	6	28	200	100	.....	600	19
17	1	..	500.00	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
18	3	..	6,000.00	150.00	3	14	28	177	90	50	235	34
19	4	1	8,200.00	.....	3	22	28	210	118	50	240	...
20	2	1	5,100.00	436.79	1	5	11	78	70	.....	110	4
21	1	1	10,000.00	.....	1	9	24	239	185	.....	280	2
22	4	..	3,500.00	400.00	4	16	33	346	200	.....	200	11
23	4	1	10,000.00	175.00	4	17	32	225	230	.....	225	15
24	1	..	22,000.00	.....	1	10	15	165	195	.....	519	...
25	1	1	18,000.00	.....	1	8	17	200	200	.....	800	6
26	1	..	1,000.00	.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
27	1	1	5,300.00	1,400.00	1	5	12	83	.....	90	.....	1
28	5	1	8,000.00	800.00	5	22	43	498	394	.....	600	28
29	3	..	3,000.00	.....	2	..	10	175	.....	.....	200	...
30	4	..	10,000.00	.....	4	20	32	300	200	.....	900	20
31	1	1	10,000.00	900.00	1	10	15	144	.....	.....	250	2
32	4	1	3,630.00	350.00	1	4	9	100	150	.....	110	...
33	8	..	15,000.00	.....	8	43	81	800	250	.....	900	14
34	2	1	20,000.00	.....	2	18	40	404	418	.....	780	12
35	2	..	3,000.00	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
36	1	1	9,200.00	700.00	1	9	28	520	270	.....	333	21
37	1	1	6,000.00	150.00	1	3	10	50	80	.....	125	...
38	3	1	7,700.00	1,500.00	3	17	37	295	212	.....	400	17
39	8½	1	12,700.00	.....	8	26	45	478	160	.....	850	4
40	1	..	1,000.00	.....	1	4	6	75	110	.....	.....	...
41	1	..	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
42	4	1	11,500.00	800.00	2	10	31	240	140	.....	500	...
43	1	1	3,000.00	.....	1	5	12	105	100	.....	500	6
44	2	1	8,300.00	.....	2	9	15	106	130	.....	317	65
45	2	1	10,000.00	.....	1	7	20	125	.....	.....	300	1
46	1	..	3,000.00	.....	1	5	14	125	75	.....	.....	...
47	4	1	10,500.00	.....	3	18	47	280	140	3	1,225	4
48	1	..	15,000.00	.....	1	5	9	107	85	25	315	14
49	1	1	1,900.00	.....	3	14	21	190	150	.....	100	4
50	3	1	4,000.00	150.00	3	8	13	150	50	.....	369	...
51	1	1	40,000.00	2,400.00	1	8	20	161	240	.....	600	3

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No.	CHARGES.	Members.	Probationers.	Received.	Deceased.	Withdrawn	Removed.	Discontinued.	Increase.	Decrease.	Church Periodicals.
52	Ninth-Street.....	138	....	14	4	5	5	....	13	....	15
53	N. C. Avenue.....	52	6	12	2	1	....	....	18	....	3
54	Pipe Creek.....	327	20	40	3	3	....	....	36	....	....
55	Pittsville.....	145	9	10	1	2	2	55	....	45	18
56	Pocomoke.....	209	3	1	2	....	2	10	....	10	13
57	Pocomoke City....	239	....	54	6	....	....	4	44	....	30
58	Potomac.....	83	9	18	....	1	....	....	17	....	11
59	Powellsville.....	191	4	6	....	....	5	14	....	15	11
60	Preston.....	205	5	7	1	1	3	....	2	....	10
61	Quantico.....	225	28	23	1	....	....	....	22	....	25
62	Queen Anne's.....	164	18	34	2	8	....	....	20	....	23
63	Rowlandville.....	124	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
64	St. James'.....	93	15	1	2	....	2	....	....	2	30
65	St. Luke's.....	157	7	15	2	2	5	1	5	....	8
66	St. Michael's.....	70	....	14	....	....	3	....	11	....	15
67	Salisbury.....	145	27	6	....	....	1	1	4	....	21
68	Seaford.....	145	48	2	....	....	1	....	7	....	6
69	Snow Hill.....	156	....	10	1	2	....	....	7	....	17
70	Somerset.....	402	....	27	4	3	2	....	16	....	20
71	South Baltimore...	114	7	9	2	....	4	15	....	21	....
72	Starr.....	215	....	9	....	2	....	30	....	33	24
73	Stewartstown.....	290	5	20	2	2	....	....	16	....	17
74	Surry.....	142	4	25	3	1	....	8	....	4	15
75	Susquehanna.....	162	15	27	1	....	....	5	21	....	23
76	Sussex.....	79	9	9	1	....	1	....	8	....	10
77	Talbot.....	164	2	4	3	5	....	....	....	....	30
78	Union.....	303	24	50	2	....	....	....	32	....	15
79	Warwick.....	185	48	79	1	3	30	47	....	2	106
80	Washington-Street.	230	43	57	3	4	1	8	41	....	18
81	West Baltimore....	203	2	19	1	1	3	....	14	....	43
82	Westminster.....	183	25	7	2	....	4	11	....	10	44
83	Williamsport.....	75	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
84	Wilmington.....	70	15	26	....	3	2	5	16	....	10
85	Berkeley, S. C.....	715	140	40	15	....	6	....	19	....	4
86	Charleston, S. C...	225	10	8	6	....	....	....	11	....	....
	Itinerants.....	109	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	Total.....	15,149	1046	1,571	183	105	177	485	973	386	1,409
	Report of 1884....	14,548	822	1,194	202	202	195	401	778	396	1,339
	Gain.....	601	224	377	....	....	....	84	195	....	70
	Loss.....	....	....	....	19	97	18	....	....	10	....

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52	1	..	\$40,000.00	.....	1	6	15	106	175	.....	625	...
53	1	..	3,500.00	\$69.00	1	6	8	125	185	.....	400	2
54	4	1	22,500.00	.....	4	22	50	330	168	70	1,500	85
55	4	1	5,000.00	50.00	4	18	15	225	150	.....	400	2
56	4	1	5,000.00	427.00	2	5	9	80	67	.....	.....	4
57	2	1	11,000.00	.....	2	10	21	190	160	.....	375	30
58	2	1	4,500.00	.....	2	8	13	100	100	.....	400	2
59	4	1	4,000.00	400.00	2	6	9	125	25	.....	150	...
60	3	1	6,000.00	.....	2	14	20	160	.....	175	150	3
61	4	1	6,000.00	250.00	3	25	20	300	25	.....	200	35
62	3	1	3,500.00	.....	3	8	14	80	75	1	240	9
63	3	..	6,000.00	.....	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
64	2	1	8,000.00	.....	2	10	15	115	75	40	240	4
65	1	..	5,000.00	.....	1	12	24	324	225	335	.....	5
66	2	1	4,000.00	.....	2	2	5	50	50	.....	250	7
67	2	1	9,500.00	.....	2	10	14	130	100	.....	175	1
68	4	1	9,250.00	.....	3	12	16	145	200	.....	100	4
69	3	..	3,500.00	.....	2	7	13	70	65	.....	175	...
70	3	1	11,500.00	700.00	3	3	30	300	200	.....	100	10
71	1	1	21,000.00	.....	1	8	16	180	130	.....	200	1
72	1	1	43,000.00	.....	1	5	26	326	265	100	475	4
73	4	1	10,000.00	.....	4	20	35	250	300	50	1,000	12
74	3	1	3,500.00	500.00	2	11	12	98	125	.....	.....	9
75	3	1	10,000.00	.....	3	12	24	171	165	.....	800	15
76	3	1	3,000.00	50.00	3	8	15	140	75	.....	100	...
77	3	1	5,000.00	.....	3	15	25	200	150	.....	300	...
78	5	1	5,000.00	.....	5	25	51	250	285	.....	530	28
79	3	1	9,000.00	.....	3	16	21	170	200	.....	289	27
80	1	1	20,000.00	.....	1	5	23	275	268	.....	265	20
81	....	..	15,000.00	.....	1	7	25	280	300	.....	575	20
82	1	1	22,500.00	.....	1	7	17	170	175	.....	300	10
83	4	..	4,000.00	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
84	1	..	3,000.00	1,350.00	1	8	14	190	220	5	230	12
85	7	..	1,200.00	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
86	2	1	2,068.00	.....	2	4	8	104	600	250	.....	...
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230½	61		\$794,398.00	\$28,107.79	194	895	1,731	16,243	11,041	1,907	29,250	763
229½	56		753,035.00	31,471.00	199	880	1,675	16,105	10,694	2,363	29,405	442
1	5		\$41,363.00	.....	..	15	56	138	347	.....	.....	321
.....	.....	.....	.....	\$3,363.21	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	456	155	...

SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY  
OF THE  
Maryland Annual Conference.

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This Society has been in existence for nearly fifty years. It exists for the sole purpose, as stated in the second article of its Constitution, of relieving "the Superannuated Ministers, their widows and orphans," of the Maryland Conference. It has distributed during its existence nearly one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, and has now an invested fund of about eighty thousand dollars. But the amount is by no means sufficient to meet the *necessities* of those who are entirely dependent upon this fund, and hence the Conference assesses an amount upon each charge to supplement the revenue from the fund.

The fund ought to be raised at once to ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. And it can be done in this way: Send your name to Rev. W. J. D. Lucas, Burrsville, Md., enclosing *five dollars for investment*, and promising a like sum for four years following. Or, take down your last will and testament and add: "*I give and bequeath the sum of — — — dollars to the Superannuated Fund Society of the Maryland Annual Conference, and direct that the same be paid to the Treasurer of the said Society for the time being.*" If you have real estate that you wish to convey to it, write to Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, 53 S. Howard St., Baltimore, Md., who will give you directions how to proceed.

Finally, pastors may greatly help to *provide for their own future* by earnest effort to raise the collections.

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING,**  
Alexandria, Va., 1885.

The Superannuated Fund Society met April 6th, 1885, F. T. Tagg, first Vice-President, in the Chair.

The report of the Board of Managers was read as follows :

ANNUAL REPORT OF ITS BOARD OF MANAGERS TO THE SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.	
Our last report show an Investment balance of.....	\$871.98
Receipts from Rev. F. T. Tagg, S. A. F. Steward.....	204.55
Miss Rachel Wilson's Legacy—Amount.....	\$1,000.00
Tax.....	25.00
	— — — 975.00

Thinking it good policy, the Board ordered sale of \$5,000 Balt. & Ohio R. R. Bonds, which realized..... 5,062.50  
And \$10,280.72 City Stock, which realized..... 10,983.82

Making the Total Amount for Investment.....\$18,097.85  
The following Investments have been made, viz.:  
\$1,000 Cin., Wash. & Balt. Bonds, costing.....\$1,000.00  
\$4,000 Char., Col. & Augusta Bonds, costing..... 4,263.75  
First Mort'ge on farm in Balto. Co., at 6 per ct. Int.. 12,000.00  
Repairs to Presidential Parsonage, ordered by Conference..... 558.80  
----- 17,822 55

Leaving balance in Treasury for Investment.....\$ 275.30  
The Total Income for the Year aggregates..... \$4,205.78  
Less \$75.00 Taxes; \$15.00 Rent Safety Box, and 25 per cent. for Collections..... 90.45

Leaving net Amount for Distribution by Conference.....\$4,115.33  
Oct. 4, 1884. Sent to S. A. F. Steward for Distribution...\$2,000.00  
Treasurer's Check enclosed for balance.....2 115.33  
----- 4,115.33

By request of our Treasurer a Committee has visited the Safety Deposit Vault and found all the Securities there. Also audited his accounts and found them correct.

E. J. DRINKHOUSE, President,  
D. L. GREENFIELD, Secretary.

*Baltimore, March 28th, 1885.*

The report was adopted, and the thanks of the Society voted Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, Treasurer, for his gratuitous services.

An election for officers resulted as follows: First Vice-President, F. T. Tagg; Second Vice-President, A. W. Mather; Secretary, W. J. D. Lucas; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather. Board of Managers: E. J. Drinkhouse, Pastors of West Baltimore, South Baltimore, and Broadway, Horace Burrough, H. F. Zollickoffer, W. J. C. Dulany, J. G. Clark.

A resolution, offered by T. H. Lewis, was, on motion, referred to the Conference, viz.:

*Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to add to the list of questions to claimants the following: What is the assessed value of the real estate owned by you?

The following, offered by F. T. Little, was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the sum of ten dollars be appropriated from the funds of this Society to defray the expense of publishing its proceedings in the Minutes of the Conference.

On motion of D. W. Bates, the Secretary was instructed to call the attention of subscribers, on the Judge Hopper plan, to their subscriptions.

C. W. Button argued the necessity for immediate action looking to the increase of the invested fund, and offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, The claimants upon the Superannuated Fund are increasing, while the fund is not proportionally augmenting, therefore,

*Resolved*. That this Superannuated Fund Society suggest to the Board of Managers the propriety of employing local agents to increase the fund.

The Society then adjourned.

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

## ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be denominated **THE SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE**, having for its object the relief of the Superannuated Ministers of said Conference, their Widows and Orphans.

## ARTICLE II.

The Officers of this Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary and a Corresponding Secretary. The President of the Conference shall be ex-officio President of the Society.

## ARTICLE III.

The Annual Meetings of the Society shall be held at the times and places of holding the respective Annual Conferences of the Maryland District. Special Meetings may be called at such other times and places as the Managers hereinafter named, or a majority of them, may determine.

## ARTICLE IV.

The payment of the sum of not less than fifty cents, annually, shall constitute yearly membership in this Society; and the payment of a sum of not less than ten dollars at one time, or twenty dollars in four annual instalments, shall constitute membership for life.

## ARTICLE V.

The Society, at each of its annual meetings, shall elect eight Managers, four of whom shall be Ministers, and four Laymen, whose duty it shall be to manage the affairs of the Society, in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution. All vacancies occurring in the Board of Managers shall be filled by the remaining Managers.

## ARTICLE VI.

The Board of Managers shall, as early after the annual meeting as convenient, assemble at such place as may be designated by the Society, and elect by ballot, from their body, a President, Treasurer and Secretary, and assign such duties to each as may be deemed necessary. The Board of Managers shall also, at said meeting, determine on suitable periods for regular meetings. Special Meetings may be called by the President and Treasurer.

## ARTICLE VII.

The Managers, or a majority of them, shall have authority to employ all moneys raised by subscriptions, collections, donations, bequests, &c., in such manner as they may deem most productive and safe; *Provided, however*, that no investment shall be made in any stock or loans, unless sanctioned by five of the Managers.

## ARTICLE VIII.

The Managers shall keep a correct list of the names of all the members of the Society, in a book provided for that purpose. They shall also, by the assistance of the Ministers and Preachers of the Maryland Annual Conference and others, obtain additional subscriptions, donations, &c., and collect the same. The Managers shall invest all moneys obtained by subscriptions, &c., in accordance with the provisions of Article VII., and keep a fair account thereof, in a separate book prepared for the purpose.

## ARTICLE IX.

The Board of Managers shall report annually to the Society, at its respective annual meetings, the state of the fund, distinguishing the interest or profit for the current year, which, together with the donations received during the current year, shall be placed by the Society at the disposal of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, to be distributed to the respective Superannuated claimants of said Conference, in such manner and portions as said Conference may direct.

## ARTICLE X.

No money shall be drawn from this fund for any purpose whatever, except for the relief of the Superannuated Ministers of the Maryland Annual Con-



ference of the Methodist Protestant Church, their Widows and Orphans ; nor for any of them, unless the said Minister shall have travelled at least five consecutive years within the bounds of said Conference. And no Minister shall be considered a Superannuated Minister, unless so returned by a vote of the Conference. And no Minister, nor Widow, nor Orphan of any Minister, who is other wise sufficiently provided for in the judgment of the Conference, shall have any claim on this fund ; *Provided, however*, That nothing in this Article shall invalidate the claims of the Widows and Orphans who are now (March, 1862,) receiving a proportion of the fund.

ARTICLE XI.

If at any Annual Conference the disposable fund be not claimed or distributed by the Conference, it shall be considered as a part of the principal stock, and be so applied by the Managers.

ARTICLE XII.

No alteration shall be made in this Constitution except by a majority of two-thirds of all the members of the Society, at a regular Annual Session.

ARTICLE XIII.

Any minister of the Maryland Annual Conference having served the Church in the itinerancy for twenty-five years, shall, with the consent of the Conference, if he so desire, have the right to retire from the active work, without detriment to his claims or those of his family on the Superannuated Fund Society, whenever his condition and circumstances, or those of his family, under the present rules of the Conference, would grant a superannuated relation.

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BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

The Recording Secretary of the Society shall keep a fair and accurate account of the proceedings of the Society, and furnish an extract of the same to the Conference Committee of Publications, to be inserted in the printed Conference Minutes, and shall pass over all books, papers, &c., belonging to the Society, in his possession, to his successor in office.

ARTICLE II.

The Board of Managers shall have all the investments of the funds inscribed to the Society.

ARTICLE III.

Should a minister who has located, return to and be received into the Conference, to regain his claim on the Superannuated Fund, or to entitle his widow and children, in case of his death, to a claim, he must have travelled at least five years within the bounds of this Conference after his return, unless he shall have previously served the Church twenty-five years in the itinerancy.

## HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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"At the Conference of 1831, on motion of Rev. W. W. Wallace, it was resolved to establish a Home Missionary Society. That Society has existed ever since; becoming in 1862, by act of Legislature, an incorporated body. It would be difficult to state accurately the results accomplished. Many of our best churches were begun under its fostering care. It has cared for and supported from five to fifteen preachers every year, to enable certain localities to hear preaching that would otherwise have been deprived of it."—*History of the Maryland Conference.*

The main reliance for funds has always been the collections in the District for this purpose, which of late years have invariably fallen far short of appropriations that had to be made to save our cause in some places. It is believed that many of our members fail to perceive how closely related this interest is to the progress of the Church. And yet, if we refuse to aid those who desire connection with us to organize, and through the early struggles of their denominational existence, how can we expect Methodist Protestantism to extend its borders?

Aside from the high ground of spreading the Gospel, a strong appeal for this cause may be made to every lover of his denomination, on the simplest business principles. As a Church we must ever be building up new organizations, or never let old ones die or go to pieces as a denomination. Now, we cannot prevent the changes of population and the chances of circumstance which are always at work destroying what were once vigorous churches. True policy indicates that if our members move from one vicinity, and families begin to gather in another where we have no church, we should by all means provide some aid to those who are willing to organize a church in the new community. But if we resolve to help nobody, we shall soon have nobody to help. And what we thus freely give as unto the Lord, becomes for our Church a good investment, almost certain to yield in the future many times the value invested.

Miss Rachel Wilson, of Howard county, bequeathed in 1883 one thousand dollars to the Society, which is the nucleus of an invested fund. Persons desiring to remember the Society in their wills,

should follow the form annexed, or in case of real estate, correspond with Rev. A. W. Mather, Hanesville, Md., who will cheerfully furnish all necessary information.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE SOCIETY.

I give and bequeath the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars to the Home Missionary Society of the Maryland Annual Conference, of the Methodist Protestant Church, and direct that the same be paid to the Treasurer of the said Society for the time being.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL SESSION,  
Alexandria, Va., 1885.

The Home Missionary Society of the Maryland Annual Conference met in the Methodist Protestant Church at Alexandria, Virginia, Thursday, April 2d, 1885, with 1st Vice-President, W. M. Strayer, in the chair. J. M. Brown was requested to act as Secretary pro tem. The Treasurer read his report, and, on motion, it was referred to an Auditing Committee, viz.: S. B. Tredway and Bro. N. T. Meginniss. The Secretary of the Board of Managers read their report, which, upon motion, was taken up item by item. Item 1st was read and adopted; also items 2d and 3d. Item 4th was read, and after some discussion, was referred to a committee for examination, viz.: A. W. Mather, D. L. Greenfield and W. H. Silk. Item 5th was then read, and after considerable discussion was adopted, and then the whole paper, as amended, was adopted. R. S. Rowe moved that the Treasurer be instructed to loan the Board of Managers the sum of (\$75) seventy-five dollars to pay the ground rent on Hull-Street Mission Church, said sum to be returned to the Treasurer as soon as the property is sold. The motion was seconded, and after some discussion was adopted. The Auditing Committee on Treasurer's report, reported that they had carefully examined said report and found it correct. T. D. Valiant presented the following resolution, seconded by W. M. Strayer, viz.:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society be authorized to invest the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in the parsonage property of Belair, at such interest as may in their judgment be equal to any good investment."

After some discussion the resolution was adopted. The election of officers then took place, which resulted as follows, viz.: President, W. M. Strayer; 1st Vice-President, J. D. Kinzer; 2d Vice-President, J. L. Mills. Board of Managers: The pastors of West Baltimore, Starr, East Baltimore, and Washington-Street Churches, and H. F. Zollickoffer, G. H. Erdman, W. H. Silk, W. J. C. Dulany. A. W. Mather was re-elected Treasurer, and J. M. Brown was elected Secretary.

On motion of T. H. Lewis, the Treasurer of the Society was instructed to pay the Secretary of the Conference the sum of ten dollars (\$10), to enable

him to publish some account of the proceedings in the Conference Minutes. The Society then adjourned, to meet on Monday, April 6th, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

J. M. BROWN, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE ACTION OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY SINCE THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY IN POCOMOKE CITY, MARCH, 1884.

At a meeting of the Board, March 26th, 1884, Rev. C. H. Littleton was appointed the Attorney of the Board, to carry out the instructions of the Home Missionary Society of the Maryland Annual Conference, with regard to conveying the title of the property on the S. E. corner of Gilmor and Townsend Streets to the West Baltimore Station of the Methodist Protestant Church.

At the same meeting, Rev. T. D. Valiant was appointed the Attorney of the Board to receive the legacy of the late Miss Rachel Wilson, and to forward the same to Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, President of the Board.

At a meeting of the Board, March 2d, 1885, Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer reported that through Rev. T. Valiant, he had received the legacy of the late Miss Rachel Wilson, minus the collateral tax, and that he had deposited the amount in the Maryland Savings Bank to the credit of Rev. A. W. Mather, Treasurer of the Home Missionary Society.

At the same meeting the following resolution, offered by W. J. C. Dulany, was referred to the Maryland Annual Conference, to convene in Alexandria, Va., April 1st, 1885, for their action:

*Resolved,* That the Missionary Board refund the Book Directory the sum of \$400, loaned for the purpose of making the Engraved Missionary Plate.

At the same meeting, "on motion of Rev. W. S. Hammond, it was unanimously resolved to employ an agent to sell the Hull-Street property. Bro. W. J. C. Dulany was appointed the agent, and the Secretary was directed to advise Rev. W. F. Roberts, Missionary at Hull Street, of this action."

ROBERT S. ROWE, Secretary of the Board.

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

### ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be styled "THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church."

### ARTICLE II.

The object of this Society shall be the support of such Ministers and Preachers as may be employed as Home Missionaries by the Maryland Annual Conference.

### ARTICLE III.

This Society shall meet annually at the place and during the time of the sitting of the Maryland Annual Conference, and shall elect a President, not exceeding twelve Vice Presidents, a Board of eight Managers, a Treasurer and Secretary.

### ARTICLE IV.

The Officers of this Society shall hold their office for one year, and until their successors are elected.

### ARTICLE V.

The payment of a sum not less than fifty cents annually shall constitute yearly membership in this Society, and the payment of ten dollars at any

one time, or the payment of five dollars for three consecutive years, shall constitute membership for life.

ARTICLE VI.

No money shall be drawn from this Society but in accordance with the Charter.

ARTICLE VII.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time when two-thirds of the members in attendance at the regular Annual Meeting shall so determine.

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BY-LAWS.

*Duties of Officers.*

ARTICLE I.

The President, or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Society.

ARTICLE II.

The Board of Managers shall have the oversight of the funds of the Society during the recess of the Conference, and, in conjunction with the Treasurer, invest all moneys paid to the Society for investment, collect the interest on all investments, and pay the same over to the Treasurer of the Society, and report the condition of the Society to the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE III.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys paid to the Society, distinguishing between that contributed for investment and for distribution, pay over to the Missionary Steward annually the amount for distribution, and shall keep a book in which he shall enter all money received, how invested, and, in conjunction with a majority of the Board of Managers, invest all money contributed for investment, and shall present an annual report to the Society.

ARTICLE IV.

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of the Society, and furnish an extract thereof to the Conference Publishing Committee, for insertion in the printed Minutes of the Conference, and shall also preserve all Books and Papers belonging to the Society, and deliver the same over to his successor in office.

ARTICLE V.

The Board of Managers, or a majority of them, shall be chosen from the city of Baltimore, and a majority shall constitute a quorum to transact business and fill up any vacancies that may occur during the recess of Conference. The Board of Managers shall also fill any vacancy that may occur in the other officers of the Society during the recess of Conference.

ARTICLE VI.

The Rules of Order used by the Maryland Annual Conference shall govern the deliberations of this Society, so far as they are applicable.

ARTICLE VII.

All moneys invested shall be invested in the name of "The Home Missionary Society of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church."

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METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

## RULES OF ORDER

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### GOVERNMENT OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

#### ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE.

1. Pastors shall send to the Secretary of the Annual Conference the certificate of election of the delegate or delegates to the Annual Conference immediately after the election of the same.

2. The Secretary shall make a list of the delegates so certified, omitting all contested cases; and this list, together with the list of the ministerial members, shall constitute the roll of Conference upon which the Conference shall organize.

3. Immediately after the reading of this roll, the President shall appoint a Committee on Credentials, consisting of three laymen and two ministers, to whom the Secretary shall hand all certificates, and who shall also consider and report upon all contested cases.

#### OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

##### RULE I.

##### *Duties of the President.*

1. To take the chair precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.

2. Preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration.

3. Not allow improper personalities, nor reflections upon any religious communities.

4. Announce each person rising to speak, so soon as he shall have addressed the chair, by declaring him "The minister from —," or, "The delegate from —."

5. State a question sitting, but stand when the question is put and taken; also, when he states a point of order; and also, when he makes any formal communication to the Conference.

6. Is not allowed to vote when a question is taken, unless there be a tie; but he may vote in cases of ballot.

7. May call any member to the chair, when he wishes to participate in debate, or for other purposes; but such person shall not be entitled to the chair after an adjournment.

##### RULE II.

##### *Duties of Secretary.*

1. To perform such duties as are usually required of the Secretary of a deliberative body. And also,

2. Have charge of all the papers belonging to the Conference, and be accountable for them.

3. Be in his place precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.

4. Keep an accurate list of the members of the Conference.

5. Keep correct minutes of the proceedings of Conference.

6. Keep a list of business, on which he shall record all business brought before the Conference, and in the order of its presentation.

7. Keep a list of committees, on which he shall record, *First*, The standing committees, in the order of their arrangement in these rules; and *Second*, All other committees that may be appointed, and in the order of their appointment.



8. Keep a correct list of the Circuits and Stations, to be used as occasion may require.
9. Be the Committee on Publication of the Minutes.
10. Supply the pastors with blanks.

### COMMITTEES.

#### RULE III.

All committees shall be appointed by the President, except otherwise directed in the Book of Discipline, or by special vote of the Conference.

#### RULE IV.

##### *Standing Committees.*

1. On Unfinished Business, 1 Minister, 2 Laymen.
2. Finance, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
3. Itinerancy and Orders, the Faculty of Instruction.
4. Boundaries, 7 Laymen.
5. Publication of Minutes, the Secretary.
6. Pulpit Services, 3 Ministers.
7. Home Missions, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
8. Superannuates, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
9. Literature, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
10. Sabbath Schools, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
11. Temperance, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
12. Benevolent Agencies, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
13. Fraternal Relations, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
14. Official Character, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
15. Statistics, 1 Minister, 1 Layman.
16. Obituaries, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. This committee not to be appointed until the death of some minister requires it.
17. Education, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
18. Foreign Missions, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
19. President's Report.
20. Sabbath Observance.

#### RULE V.

Any person being a member of two committees, shall have the right to decline an appointment to another.

### MOTIONS.

#### RULE VI.

Every motion shall be written, signed, and read aloud by the mover, handed to the chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before any order can be taken upon it by the Conference: except motions for amendment, to lie on the table, the previous question, or to adjourn.

#### RULE VII.

Any motion may be divided, if the sense will admit of the proposed division.

#### RULE VIII.

No proposition to amend, that amounts to a substitute, shall be entertained.

#### RULE IX.

When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to commit or to amend: which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand in this rule; the *first three* to be taken without debate; and the *first* always in order.

#### RULE X.

The question under discussion shall be put whenever a call for it is made by five brethren, and sustained by a majority of the Conference.

RULE XI.

When motions are made for reference of the same subject to a select committee, and to a standing committee, the question on reference to the standing committee shall be first put.

RULE XII.

No motion to commit, or to lie on the table, being decided, shall be again allowed on the same day, and at the same stage of the proposition.

RULE XIII.

No motion, after it is seconded, shall be withdrawn without leave.

RULE XIV

No amendment shall be in order, farther than an amendment to the amendment.

RULE XV.

In filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be first put.

DECORUM.

RULE XVI.

When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question he shall rise and address the chair, "Brother President," and then pause until he is announced to the Conference; after which he may proceed, addressing the chair, and restricting his remarks to the subject before the Conference.

RULE XVII.

If two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall determine which of them is entitled to the floor.

RULE XVIII.

No interruption shall be allowed, while a member is addressing the chair, except a call to order by the President or by a member.

RULE XIX.

When a member is called to order, he shall take his seat immediately, and be silent, until the President or member who made the call shall state the rule of order supposed to be infringed; after which the member called to order shall have the right to explain, and the President shall decide.

RULE XX.

In deciding a question of order, the President shall restrict himself to the rules of order, and any member declared to be out of order by the President, may, if he obtain a second, appeal to the Conference, but the question on such appeal shall be taken without debate. If the Conference sustain the chair, the member shall be allowed to proceed only in order.

RULE XXI.

No member shall speak oftener than twice to the same question, without special leave of Conference; nor longer than fifteen minutes at any one time, unless by the same special permission.

RULE XXII.

No member shall be allowed to explain remarks made in a previous speech, except in regular debate, unless the member replying thereto request it, or unless another member requires it; but any member so called upon to explain, shall have the right to decline any explanation.

RULE XXIII.

Any member shall have the right to call for the reading of the subject under consideration.

RULE XXIV.

Every member shall be in attendance upon the first day's session, unless unavoidably detained.

RULE XXV.

After the affirmative of a question has been put, any member who has not spoken before to the question may rise and speak before the negative be put..

## RULE XXVI.

A member may change his vote at any time before the Chair announces the decision of the question.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION.

## RULE XXVII.

At nine o'clock A. M., on the day to which the Conference adjourned from the last annual session, the President shall open the Conference by reading a portion of the Word of God, singing and prayer.

## RULE XXVIII.

The examination of official character shall be next in order, and in the following manner :

1. Examination of the President. The President shall call another minister to the chair and read his annual report. The Chairman shall then address the Conference thus: "Brethren, you have heard the report of the President; shall his character pass?" In case of any charge against the official character of the President, it shall be handed to the Standing District Committee, and the chairman of that committee shall answer the question, "Shall his character pass?"

2. Examination of other ministers. The roll shall then be called, including the Dead Roll, and as the names of the ministers are called, they shall deposit their reports, and the collections prescribed by the Conference, each in a sealed envelope, upon which shall be marked the amount, the name of the collection, the name of the pastor, and the name of the charge, in the box of the Conference Steward. The reports, and all charges against official character, shall be handed to the Committee on Official Character. Pastors whose official reports are defective in any point shall be summoned before the committee to explain, and only those cases in which explanations may be unsatisfactory to the committee shall be reported to the Conference; and the characters of all ministers whose names are not reported shall be considered passed. In the event of the death of any member of this Conference, the President shall appoint some member to formally announce the fact to the Conference, and such announcement shall be made when the name of the deceased is reached in the calling of the Conference Roll; and the name shall then, on motion, be transferred to the Dead Roll by the Secretary in the presence of the Conference, and when the name is reached on the Dead Roll, an order of the day shall be named for memorial services for the deceased.

## RULE XXIX.

At eleven o'clock the President, or his substitute, shall preach an appropriate discourse, and in the evening the Lord's Supper shall be administered.

## RULE XXX.

1. The President for the ensuing year shall be elected, by ballot, on the first day of the session, at two and a-half o'clock, P. M.

2. The Secretary shall be elected immediately after the election of President; and the Stewards, viz.: The Conference Steward, the Home Missionary Steward, the Superannuated Fund Steward, and the Home and Foreign Missionary Steward, immediately after the election of the Secretary.

## RULE XXXI.

The Standing District Committee shall be elected by ballot, immediately after the election of the Stewards. This Committee consists of three elders, one of whom must be unstationed, and three laymen.

## RULE XXXII.

The Committee of Appeals shall be elected by ballot, immediately after the election of the Standing District Committee—three ministers, two laymen.

## RULE XXXIII.

In balloting, blanks shall be rejected and not reported by the tellers.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE DIURNAL SESSIONS.

RULE XXXIV.

The Conference shall be opened each day by reading the Scriptures, singing a hymn, and prayer. The last half hour of each morning session shall be spent in devotional exercises.

RULE XXXV.

The reading of the minutes of the preceding day for correction shall be first in order.

RULE XXXVI.

The business next in order shall be the Reports of Committees, called for in the order in which they stand on the List of Committees. They shall not report at any other time without special leave.

RULE XXXVII.

The names of the several Circuits and Stations shall then be called, in the order in which they stand on the List of Circuits and Stations, for any business to be laid before the Conference; when the Delegate from the Circuit or Station called may present any business, and it shall be recorded, without debate, on the List of Business.

RULE XXXVIII.

When any business is laid on the table, it may be made the order of the day for any other day of the session, and at a specific hour.

RULE XXXIX.

Unfinished business from the last annual session shall have precedence of all business except the order of the day.

RULE XL.

Ordinary business shall have precedence in the order in which it stands on the List of Business.

RULE XLI.

When any business is taken into consideration, it shall not be interrupted by any other business (except the order of the day), nor by adjournment.

RULES OF ADMINISTRATION.

*Duties of the President.*

1. The President shall appoint the speakers who shall address the Superannuated Fund and Missionary Societies at the ensuing Annual Conference; and Friday and Monday evenings are set apart for the public meetings, the anniversaries to alternate in the order of their occurrence.

2. The Stationing Authority is vested in the President of the Conference.

3. It shall be the duty of the President to fill blanks in statistical reports for all charges unsupplied.

4. In the event of the death of any ministerial member, the President shall immediately appoint an Obituary Committee from any number of the most intimate acquaintances of the deceased.

5. The President shall have a claim on the Missionary Collection for his deficiency on Missions.

6. The failure of the President to visit any charge does not vitiate his right to the amount assessed for his salary.

DUTIES OF STEWARDS.

1. The Conference Steward, Home Missionary Steward, Superannuated Fund Steward and Home and Foreign Missionary Steward, shall constitute a Conference Board of Stewards, to whom the Secretary shall hand all reports and collections as received from pastors.

2. The Board of Stewards shall meet immediately after their election and open the envelopes containing the various collections, count the money enclosed, noting its agreement with the statement on the official report and on the envelope, and prepare a report of collections to the Conference. The

money in hand shall then be passed to the persons designated by the Conference to receive it, and the reports to the Committee on Official Reports.

3. Other duties belonging to the several Stewards shall be performed and reported upon separately as now.

#### DUTIES OF PASTORS.

1. Every pastor is required to lift at each appointment of his charge a collection, which shall be known as the Conference Incidental Collection, the object of which is to defray Conference expenses, including the publication of the Minutes of the Conference, the Minutes to be furnished to the congregations contributing at the lowest possible rates.

2. It is the duty of pastors to examine and see that suitable deeds be had for all our churches, so as to secure them to the Methodist Protestant Church, and, wherever possible, have them incorporated.

3. Pastors are required to apportion the President's salary equitably among the several appointments, and use their utmost endeavors to collect the same before the annual visit of the President.

4. Pastors are required to see that the families belonging to their respective charges are duly supplied with the Catechism of our Church.

5. Pastors are instructed to ascertain of those received into the church whether they have been baptized, and, if not, to administer the ordinance of baptism without unnecessary delay.

6. Every pastor is required to do his utmost to collect the full amount of the assessments made upon his charge, whatever may be the difficulties that he may encounter.

7. It is the duty of the pastor to preside on the trial of an accused unstationed minister or preacher.

8. Pastors are required to report to the Annual Conference the amounts contributed to Foreign missions by the auxiliaries of Woman's F. M. Societies, and due credit shall be given in the Minutes.

#### SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY.

1st. Every minister, preacher and member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-one years, shall be entitled to vote in all cases.

2d. All members in full communion and fellowship shall have the right to vote in the election of their class-leaders; and those who have attained the age of twenty-one years shall be "qualified members," for the purposes indicated in Section 3 of Article IV. of Constitution, and in divisions 1 and 4 of "General Duties of Trustees," found on pages 109 and 110 of Discipline.

3d. Every minister, preacher and lay male member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-five years, shall be eligible as a representative in the General Conference.

4th. Every male member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-one years, shall be eligible as a steward and as a trustee, and also as a delegate to the Annual Conference.

5th. No minister shall be eligible to the office of President of the Annual Conference until he shall have faithfully exercised the office of elder two years.

#### ADMINISTERING ORDINANCES.

No person, in virtue merely of a license to preach, or even election to orders, is empowered to administer, or assist in administering, the Christian ordinances.

#### UNSTATIONED MINISTERS.

The Conference will not recognize as a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church any man who does not bring credentials from some other orthodox

denomination, or who has not received suitable testimonials of ministerial character from our own Church. In returning the list of ministers and preachers, pastors shall name no person who does not possess the foregoing qualification.

#### LOTTERIES.

The practice of raising funds for church purposes, by means of lotteries and other games of hazard, is disapproved by the Conference, and pastors are enjoined to discountenance their use.

#### MORTGAGING CHURCH PROPERTY.

The Conference disapproves of the practice of mortgaging church property for the purpose of paying pastor's salary, directly or indirectly.

#### OBITUARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the Committee, appointed in accordance with the rule of Conference, to prepare an obituary, without delay, containing a notice of the place and date of the birth of the brother, the date of his conversion, receiving license to preach, and his reception into the Conference, together with any other important facts connected with his history which their judgment may dictate, in addition to the particulars of his death, and said obituary shall at once be forwarded to THE METHODIST PROTESTANT for publication, and be reported to the ensuing session of Conference.

2. Every ministerial member of this Conference is hereby requested to make and keep by him a record of his nativity, and of all the prominent facts in his Christian and ministerial history.

#### MOTIONS TO FIX TIME AND PLACE.

All motions to fix time and place of the meeting of the Annual Conference shall lie on the table twenty-four hours.

#### MARRIAGES.

The Conference cannot encourage any of its members to expect support as married men until they shall have served at least four years in the itinerancy.

#### CAMP MEETINGS.

Camp-Meetings shall have the sanction of Conference and receive ministerial aid from it on the following conditions:

1. There shall be no traffic on the Lord's day on the camp-ground, or the adjacent territory protected by the laws of the State.

2. The managers or other officers of the camp meeting, shall not bargain for or receive any portion of the money paid to railroads, or the owner or owners of any conveyance or conveyances, as a consideration for conveying persons to the camp-ground, or the vicinity thereof, on the Lord's day.

3. Faithful efforts shall be made by the official members of the church and all persons having authority at camp meetings, to maintain the due observance of the Lord's day.

4. No advertisement of the running of trains on the Lord's day shall be made by any of the persons referred to in the preceding paragraphs, nor shall anything be done by their authority or solicitation to contravene the foregoing regulations.

5. Quarterly Conferences, or associations recognized by this Conference, shall deliver to the President, at least four weeks before the time appointed for said meetings, a written pledge, duly attested, that the foregoing regulations shall be observed in good faith.

6. The President shall have no authority to assign ministers for service at camp-meetings, until he shall have received the written pledge as above de-

scribed; nor shall any camp meeting held in contravention of these regulations be recognized as a camp-meeting of the Methodist Protestant Church.

#### MISSIONARY REGULATIONS.

1. Contributions for Home Missions shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Missionary Society, that he may disburse the funds to the missionaries according to their various claims.

2. Pastors are instructed to have the missionary collections in the hands of the Treasurer by the end of the second quarter of the Conference year.

3. The Committee on Missions shall ascertain what amount of funds may be regarded as available for missionary purposes the ensuing year.

4. Appropriations shall not exceed the amount which may reasonably be expected from collections and interest on legacies.

5. The Missionary Society of this Conference shall elect seven Trustees for each mission, who shall hold all the property on our mission fields in trust for said Society, and yearly thereafter select a new Board of Trustees as long as the mission relation is sustained. But whenever the mission shall become a circuit or station, the "qualified members," at a meeting regularly called for the purpose, shall have power to elect their own Trustees, to whom the Trustees, appointed by the Missionary Society, shall surrender the church property, together with the books, papers, or other valuables held by them as Trustees.

6. When any number of the members of any of our missions shall, through disaffection or from other causes, form themselves into classes, withhold themselves from the means of grace, or suffer themselves to be led by those who refuse to attend the official meetings of the church, or shall in any other way walk disorderly, on a charge being brought against such person or persons, the missionary shall see that the accused are tried according to Discipline, page 32. But should the class, of which the accused is a member, refuse or neglect to select two of their number to serve on the committee of trial, then the missionary shall fill the committee by having them selected from any other class in the mission, or from an adjoining station or circuit, as he may think proper; and should the accused be found guilty, he, she or they shall be suspended or expelled, as the committee may direct. And should an entire class or society become refractory, the missionary shall be authorized to select them according to the provision on page 41 of the Discipline; *provided, however*, that the person convicted shall in this, and in all cases where the trial is by jury, have an appeal to the Quarterly Conference next ensuing, whose decision shall be final.

7. Missions shall hold Quarterly Conferences.

8. When a charge is preferred against any member of the church, the missionary shall see that the accused is tried in accordance with the regulations of the Discipline, page 32.

9. Any mission having a missionary shall be entitled to one delegate to the Annual Conference, provided the missionary have a seat, who shall be elected by the qualified members of the mission, at least two weeks preceding the session of the Annual Conference.

10. No member of the Methodist Protestant Church shall hold membership in a mission and station at the same time.

11. Until a class is formed in a mission, the missionary shall have authority to receive probationers into full membership.

12. The missionary in charge is invested with authority to receive or reject applications for membership, as he in his judgment may deem most conducive to the welfare of the mission.

13. When a mission becomes a circuit or station, the property must be so transferred to the trustees elected by the qualified members, as to secure it to the Methodist Protestant Church.

14. The Board of Managers of the Home Missionary Society is empowered to appoint or dismiss trustees in missions during the recess of Conference.

15. All qualified members shall be entitled to vote for stewards in missions



16. The Society shall pay the travelling expenses of such members of the Board of Managers as do not reside in the city.

17. The Board of Managers has full power to act on all matters pertaining to the Missionary Society in the interim of Conference.

#### SUPERANNUATED FUND REGULATIONS.

1. The Committee on Superannuated Claimants shall report to Conference all those names which, in its judgment, properly belong to the Superannuated list.

2. The committee, after ascertaining the amount needed, is authorized to assess the amount on the different charges on the basis of the President's salary.

3. The two interests, the collections for Superannuates and the interest on the Superannuated Fund, are blended, and the committee is instructed to act accordingly.

4. The Committee in making appropriations, shall be governed by the ascertained probable resources of the Conference; they shall discriminate according to the comparative claims of the several recipients, taking into consideration, 1. The time of service in the Conference; 2. The value of said service to the Conference; 3. The size of family; 4. The peculiarities of location, &c.; 5. Ability to contribute to self-support by business capacity or private income.

5. The Steward of the Superannuated Fund shall disburse all moneys coming from the Superannuated Fund Society.

6. When the Committee shall have completed its report it shall be read to the Conference twenty-four hours before final action thereon, during which time objections to the report must be filed before the Committee.

7. The Steward of the Superannuated Fund holds his office from the time of election until his successor is elected, and he is authorized to receive and distribute collections lifted for this fund at any time during the year.

8. The Steward shall make a semi-annual distribution of the funds coming from the Superannuated Fund Society, provided the Treasurer of said society can make a payment in the interim of Conference.

9. Each pastor is requested to bring to the next session of the Annual Conference at least \$5.00, in addition to the regular superannuated collection, to assist any persons who may be placed on the superannuated list at that session.

10. The Corresponding Secretary of the Superannuated Fund Society shall furnish superannuated claimants with blanks containing the following questions, a neglect to answer which shall deprive the claimant of any portion in the distribution of said fund for the year:

1. What is your present place of residence? Post office address?

2. Do you desire a superannuated relation the ensuing year?

3. What is the number of your family? Ages of your children respectively?

4. In what business are you now engaged? How much does its product fall short of yielding you a necessary support? What is the amount of your private income from all sources?

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